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Grand Tetons in the distance—Getty's Little Granite Creek drillsite is the saddle in the foreground.

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Round River Rendezvous '82

Give yourself and your means of transportation a good tune up and then come and join us at the 3rd Annual Round River Rendezvous this **4th of July** in N.W. Wyoming.

The R.R.R. will take place along Little Granite Creek at the southwestern edge of the magnificent Gros Ventre Range. The Gros Ventre Range, the largest RARE II area in the country is an entire mountain complex that is still intact—barely. Timber sales to the Louisiana/Pacific Corp. threaten rich wildlife habitats along the eastern side, while Getty Oil wants to "doze" seven miles to the head of Little Granite Creek and drill deep for potential gas deposits. Also, Little Granite Creek has been left out of the disasterous Wyoming Wilderness Bill. The Gros Ventre is classic wild mountain country with classic threats. It is a microcosm of our national fight to preserve wilderness, despite the Reagan Administration, despite the Wyoming Delegation.

On Independence Day of 1982 we will declare Independence for the Wilderness of Little Granite Creek, the Gros Ventre and for all existing and proposed wilderness areas. We will declare their independence from oil and gas drilling, mining operations and other developments—and pledge our underlying defense efforts to keep the wildlands safe from James Watt's and John Crowell's bloodied hands.

One bit of history—R.R.R. was named in honor of Aldo Leopold's fabled Round River—"a river that flowed into itself. . .the never-ending circuit of life."

Join us at **12 noon** just north of the junction of the Granite Creek and Little Granite Creek roads. Look for Spurs' classic old pick-up truck, which is our stage. Bring your own food, beer and good spirits. . .and celebrate the 4th!

Speakers will include Edward Abbey, Dave Foreman and local notables. Music will be provided by Johnny Sagebrush, "Closed for Repairs," and others. (Also scheduled sometime during the day will be one of those rare appearances of the Lithium Brothers.—

The rally will probably break up toward late afternoon. (We'll need help cleaning up). Then we'll adjourn somewhere for some hard-core partying.

We encourage you to car-pool to the Rally Site. This will cut down on traffic problems and incidents with the Sheriff's Department. Also—let's treat that forest well—after all, the site of the rally is on our National Forest land.

NEWS FLASH!!!

Getty Oil may be punching their road up Little Granite Creek much sooner than originally expected. The Minerals Mining Service, U.S.G.S., will be making their final decision May 15th, after which there is a 30 day appeal period. Earth First! and other environmental groups will be filing an appeal on the decision to grant the permit. If appeals are unsuccessful, destructive activity may begin in Little Granite Creek as early as the first of July, which means Earth Firstlers might be standing in front of bulldozers real soon.

Directions to RRR III

- First—take a look at the general location map.
- Now—

Wyoming has been called the "Alaska of the lower 48 states." The northwestern corner of Wyoming is very special—within easy travel from the RRR are Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks, Teton Wilderness, Washakie Wilderness, the Wilderness complex of the Wind River Range, a number of unprotected wildlands (Teton West Slope, Palisades, Grayback Salt Rivers, Commissary Ridge, the DuNoir) and of course, the Gros Ventre. (French for *"big belly"*).

There are endless miles of country to hike in, mountains to climb, and rivers to run. (Such as the Snake, Upper Green, Hoback, etc.) The country abounds with wildlife and wildflowers. There are also several hotsprings in the area. . .the closest being 5 miles from RRR site.

There are bound to be a number of tourists in the area around the 4th—so campgrounds could be crowded. There are *over a dozen* developed campgrounds on national forest land, plus one large campground in southern Grand Teton National Park, within 20 *air* miles of RRR (but certainly farther by driving—unless you hike in). For additional information contact Bridger-Teton National Forest, Box 1888, Jackson, Wyoming 83001 or Jackson Home Chamber of Commerce, Jackson, Wyoming 83001.

If night life is your special interest, there is excellent music and dancing in Jackson, but beer prices are high. Great places to eat—some not all that expensive. Our research staff knows where to find the finest hamburger, etc. and out of the way spots. Pinedale has less "glitter" but is less expensive and quite lively. You best inquire with our resident specialists.

"I still feel the same contempt for and still reject so-called objective decisions made without passion and anger. Objectivity, like the claim that one is nonpartisan or reasonable, is usually a defensive posture used by those who fear involvement in the passions, partisanships, conflicts, and changes that make up life; they fear life. An 'objective' decision is generally lifeless. It is an academic word and the word 'academic' is a synonym for irrelevant."

From *Reveille for Radicals* by Saul Alinsky

Little Granite Rig Gets Green Light!

In spite of a massive outpouring of public opposition, the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Geological Survey have released a Final E.I.S. which gives Getty Oil the go-ahead to put an oil rig at the head of Little Granite Creek in northwestern Wyoming.

The rig will require approximately seven miles of new road construction into the heart of the proposed Gros Ventre Wilderness, the largest RARE II area (not adjacent to existing wilderness or primitive areas) in the lower 48 states.

"This is an outrage! They'll put an oil rig in Little Granite Creek over my dead body," said Howie Wolke, who lives six miles from the proposed devastation.

"We got hunters, we got fishers, and we don't need no fucking oil rigs!" screamed Mike Roselle at a recent public hearing.

The people of Teton Country, Wyoming, including the Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce are united in their opposition to the well. Traditional conservation groups, including the Wyoming Wilderness Association and the Sierra Club will probably sue the feds, but the eventual outcome of this legal action is anybody's guess. Should these legal efforts fail, Earth First! is committed to organizing and carrying out massive civil disobedience, *including an occupation of the* canyon and rig site, in order to stop this travesty.

The controversy dates back to the late 1960's when the Nixon Administration began leasing huge tracts of Wyoming's Bridger-Teton National Forest to a variety of oil companies including Getty, Exxon, Amoco, and numerous other giants of the energy world. *Hundreds of thousands of (over 2 million) acres were leased without any public involvement at all!*

The Getty lease was issued in 1973. It wasn't until the mid- to late 1970's that local conservationists began to discover the extent of this massive giveaway of public lands. By then it was too late. Leases not only blanket a good portion of the Gros Ventre, but they also blanket most of Wyoming's so-called "Overthrust Belt," which includes three RARE II areas of over 200,000 acres (Palisades, Grayback Ridge, Salt River Range), and one area of 150,000 acres (Commissary Ridge). All of these areas are proposed for wilderness designation by conservationists, but all are headed for massive destruction under the management of the U.S. Forest Service and Big Oil.

To make matters worse, the Wyoming Congressional Delegation, led by Senator Malcolm "Rock & Ice" Wallop, (up for re-election) has introduced the "Wyoming Wilderness Destruction Act of 1982." This "law" will open 3.6 million acres of wild country to mandatory industrial development, while designating only 479,000 acres of "rock & ice" wilderness. Of course, every controversial part of the Gros Ventre, including Little Granite Creek, is excluded from the bill.

Earth First! will keep you informed on further developments as they unfold. In the meantime, write your Congressional delegation, send EF! your hard-earned dollars earmarked for the Gros Ventre, and if you live in Wyoming, attend public hearings on the Wyoming bill in Casper (April 30) and Riverton (May 1). Under no condition will EF! allow the Gros Ventre Wilderness to be destroyed!

—Howie Wolke

Round River Rendezvous
July 4, 1982—From Jackson, Wyoming, go 22 miles southeast on Highway 187-189. Turn off at Granite Creek Road—Go 2 miles—Can't miss it. Come one day early and camp with us. Watch out for bulldozers.

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RRR Hotline

**Round River Rendezvous—
Travel Hotline and
Information Contact**

If Earth First!ers have rides they can offer to other Earth First!ers to get to the RRR, please call Pete in Salt Lake City (801-359-5250). Someone here will then get the info, like how many folks you can pick up, your route to the RRR and your address. People needing rides may write or call and we'll mail cards with names of people to contact.

There will be plenty of places to camp, including the three campgrounds nearby our rendezvous spot. Earth First!ers should bring plenty of food, perhaps we can do some community cooking.

Remember, it is at events such as this where we are able to get to know one another and discuss actions that will perhaps save some of Mother Earth, or at least delay the destruction. Looking out for the best interests of the environment is a never ending battle, but how can we do less?

Can You Turn the Page On These Poor Boys?

Yes, Bart Koehler (Johnny Sagebrush) and Dave Foreman are feeding out of garbage cans like stray alley cats. Once they had nice clothes, good haircuts, happy homes, and three squares a day. They had jobs with major national conservation groups. But they gave all that up to help form EARTH FIRST!. For a year and a half now, they've been roaming the country, organizing EARTH FIRST!, talking, singing, rousing the rabble, nipping at Jim Watt's heels like mad dogs. But they haven't been getting any money. Now they're hungry. They're cold. They can't even buy a sixpack. Aged prematurely, they've become bag people with a sidewalk heat grate at their winter bed.

Seriously, folks, things are rough financially. And it couldn't happen at a worse time. This summer EARTH FIRST! faces its greatest challenges to date. This 4th of July near Jackson, Wyoming, we are organizing a giant rally against oil and gas leasing and hard rock mining in Wilderness. We are sworn in blood to stop road building and gas exploration in the Gros Ventre Mountains of Wyoming and the Rocky Mountain Front of Montana (next to the Bob). We will not allow the Three Sisters Wilderness of Oregon to be strip mined for kitty litter. And we will stop the Forest Service from building to GO Road through the sacred Siskiyou Mountains of northern California. We will confront the industrial machine wherever we are needed. The time for talk is passed. The time for action is upon us.

We can't do this without your help. Most importantly we need your physical participation, your moral support, your involvement. But we also need money for telephoning and postage. We need gas money. And we need a few hundred bucks a month for Bart and Dave to live on. They're organizing these actions. They've been working fulltime for EARTH FIRST! for over a year for nothing. They've been working on their love of the Earth until now but their stomachs and pockets have bottomed out.

Dig into *your* pocket or bank account, please, and send us five, ten, twenty, or more dollars. Enclose a note that it is in support of our summer campaign of direct action (so it's not counted as newsletter subscription money). If you can give us $100 or more (and we need a few C-notes!) write Peter at the newsletter and we'll see what we can do to arrange a tax deduction for your contribution.

We plan to stop Getty Oil in the Gros Ventre. We will stop the Freddies in the Siskiyous. We will stop US Pumice in the Three Sisters. And we will stand in the way of a nuke dump in the Canyonlands of Utah.

Even if it means going to jail.

Show us your support. Send us a picture of Tom Jefferson.

(We sure hope we don't have to write any more disgusting, self-serving appeals for contributions like this!)

Letters to Earth First!

Dear EF!

It's definitely time for action. No more compromising with the forces of evil. Here, here. But, beware of the power They yield and be careful to not become legally vulnerable as a reader forewarned in your last issue. Do not advocate sabotage, just do it. An effective monkeywrencher is one who doesn't talk about it. There's not much one can do behind bars. As far as 'spiking' goes, it sounds like fun but its effectiveness is debatable. Stop them *before* they get to the tree. Once they get there (via new road) it's no longer wilderness anyway. If they can't cut a certain area, they'll just go somewhere else. Besides, I see potential for innocent people getting hurt as a result. . .like a broken chain slashing into somebody's head. Do you want to take responsibility for maiming people? Destroy machines, not flesh.

Also, please sign me up for the fundraiser hike into the Maze. After you've done that, destroy this letter so to help me maintain a low profile with the FBI who will probably be dropping in tonight to microfilm your files. Keep up the good work.

Yours Truly

Dear Earth First!,

It seems bright ideas occur to many people simultaneously. I was amused to read Leroy Watson's comments on Spikin' trees in the Dec. 21 issue. I had the same idea quite a while back. I haven't actually done any spikin', since I consider it only a last resort tactic and we are not quite to our last resort in Vermont. But I suggest that anybody who wants to do the job right use concrete nails, made for nailing onto concrete walls. They're expensive but they're tough and hard enough to trouble even carbide blades in a mill.

Yours truly
R.A. Vermont

Dear Earth First!

I went up to Salt Lake City to see what the Utah Wilderness Association was all about, and blundered unawares into the EARTH FIRST! Roadshow.

Well, here is an authentic crew of folks with a sense of humor and nary a 3-piece suit. Maybe EARTH FIRST! can teach Ronnie Reagan what happens when he's up against us *real* environmental extremists.

Enclosed find $10 for the newsletter and $5 more as a contribution. (Also please send me 3 more copies of the March issue, to my present address.)

R.W.—New York

Dear Friends,

I can't take it any longer. Sign me up as a member. We've got to do something about those bonzos in Washington now!

D.N.—Montana

Dear Earth First!

I thing you're deranged, irresponsible, and completely out of touch with the political and social realities of the day. Please sign me up for a year's membership.

TW.—Arizona

"Let your life be a counter friction to stop the machine."

—Thoreau, from *Civil Disobedience*

Dear Dave & "Johnny Sagebrush":

What's this PAGAN stuff? Why tempt the Lord? Pray instead, for divine assistance via St. Francis of Assissi—the 1st ecologist! Need I remind you—we prayed to have MX thwarted, and it happened! I know some are disillusioned by the Jerry Falwells. I say to them, "Read 2 Peter (especially verse 3:8) as well as Luke 8:10; Luke 12:24-28. It says it all about evolution and nature!

Charlie

Reply to Charlie Watson's letter:

As someone who nearly became a preacher in the Church of Christ, I think I appreciate Charlie's concern. I turned away from Christianity for many reasons, including what I saw to be its philosophy of man and nature. I am happy that Christians like Charlie Watson can find an environmental ethic in their religion and I urge them to work as hard as they can in sowing the seeds of that truth and in building a greater sense of the cycles of nature in the practice of their faith. At the same time, I hold my personal religious views towards Mother Earth just as strongly and sincerely as any Christian holds hers or his. As I keep saying, diversity is a strength in ecological systems and in human causes. I hope EARTH FIRST! is big enough for all of us—Christian, Buddhist, Jew, Atheist, Neo-pagan, or an out-and-out-howling-at-the-moon pantheist, like me).

—Dave Foreman

(Gee, I'm catching flack this issue. Maybe I'm finally succeeding in my life-long goal of becoming controversial!)

Dear Earth First!,

. . .Let me know my subscription status. If we kick ass soon enough and save the country, we won't need the Earth First! rag!

T.L., Oregon

Earth First!

The newspaper's OK, but just barely. You need more good stuff. Like *real* people walking around on the ground. Good luck.

B.W., California

Dear Earth First!,

Who's in charge there? Anyway, if you list any more threatened wilderness lands in Oregon please get the list straight. We live here and know what areas are threatened.

—North Fork John Day Wilderness Complex (Umatilla Wallowa Whitman)
We just won a 100,000 acre timber sale appeal!
—Joseph Canyon for Nez Perce Chief Joseph (Wallowa Whitman)
—Middle Santiam (Willamette)
—Bridge Creek (Ochoco)
—Glacier-Monument (Malheur)
—Kalmiopsis (Siskiyou)
—Wapiti (Umatilla)
—Old Cascades (Willamette)
These and others are threatened now.

Tim Lillebo

Dear EARTH FIRST!

Gandhi and King did not practice passive resistance, as Dave Foreman says—they practiced satygraha, and if Dave thinks so he hasn't been keeping up with what has been happening in the Movement for a New Society and the various Alliances.

Satyagraha is holding to the truth. The truth is that there is no way to peace in our wilderness sanctuaries except peace itself.

Dave, when you call yourself an animal in Levis and boots, how do you distinguish yourself from James Watt and Ronald Reagan? It is the adversarial attitude, us against them, that exploits our wilderness, and when you advocate guns and dynamite you are just playing their game.

Come off it, Dave! Violence is for chumps who are looking for the easy way. Boom! and everything is settled, or so you may suppose. Actually—boom! and everything gets worse. Ask Rap Brown.

Find your own Salt March, Dave. Then by a simple moral act, like Gandhi making salt under the truncheons of the British Raj, you will find yourself in your Levis changing opinions in the world.

Aloha,
Robert Aitken

Foreman Replies:

I'm surprised that this is the only flack I received on my "violence" editorial. Admittedly, Bob, I haven't read very widely or deeply on pacifism, non-violence, or satyagraha. And while I respect your viewpoint and that of Gandhi and King (what I really respect about them is their will and courage), I cannot find any transcendental truth in your approach. A good tactic, an effective tactic, yes. A tactic that I hope EARTH FIRST! will use in its many coming confrontations with the industrial beast. I have studied history, biology, and anthropology. I have sat out alone with the moon seeking visions. And I have not received any enlightenment that I should never fight back. Any creature, no matter how seemingly meek, will fight back when threatened. I think any human being uncorrupted by civilization will do the same. To my way of thinking, Eastern ideas of stepping out of the violent cycle are presumptuous and anthropocentric (by setting human beings apart from the semi-violent natural world). Of course, I may be wrong (maybe I haven't had any previous lives), I may be really no better than James Watt (ugh, what a horrible thought to go to bed with!), but I think that I simply have a realistic view of human nature and the way the world works. I am entirely pragmatic about violence/non-violence. We should use whichever we feel comfortable with and whichever is most appropriate to a particular situation. As I've said many times before, I believe there is room in EARTH FIRST! for ex-Marines like myself and for followers of Gandhi. There are many paths one can take to defend our Earth Mother. Including that of the warrior.

(Ed. Note: We welcome any additional views on this important topic.)

DEADLINE

All material for consideration in the Summer Solstice (June 21) EF! Newsletter should be sent no later than June 1st. Include SASE for material to be returned.

Dear Earth First!

As I've mentioned before, I am an old retired man, living on social security. I can't help too much, but what little I can, when I can, I will help. If you are wondering why an old man like me, who in the near future, will be laid to rest in the bosom of Mother Earth wants to help, I have two reasons. One, I always did love the good earth, the open places, with all the trees, birds and animals in it. I spent all my young life in Brooklyn. Although it was a part of New York City, at that time Brooklyn, in the area we lived, was more country than city. We had no paved streets, no sidewalks. Goats and chickens were all over the place, including the dirt road in front of our house. One mile from our house, was a huge dairy farm, with cows at pasture. I used to ask mother for some bread and butter, and two cents, which I used to buy a glass of warm milk from the farm. We had a swimming hole, with an old mill which was made entirely of wood, including wood screws, and it still worked, that is the spinning wheel. We used to walk up the narrow staircase to the top of the mill, push ourselves over a small window and grab hold of the wheel and hold on, spilling into the water. Further over, was a channel cove where we would go swimming and haves loads of fun.

In those days, everyone had a coal stove for heat, and a hot water tank connected to the stove. As the tank became leaky, they would throw them out. Us boys would make wooden plugs, seal the holes and carry them to the channel. We would put the tank into the water, straddle them like a horse, and with a paddle made out of a wooden board, we would row all around the channel. We would go fishing, using a part of a branch of a weeping willow tree, as a pole, a string with a bent pin as a hook, and a big washer or bolt as a sinker. We would use worms if we could get some, or some dough when our mothers made bread. As a young boy I kept garden snakes as pets, which we found under the rocks near the streams. Also frogs which we found near the old windmill.

I enjoyed my life so much. I am so glad I lived when I did, for not too long after, all that land was sold, and became part of city as it is today. I felt so bad my children could not enjoy all those wonderful pleasures that God blessed us with.

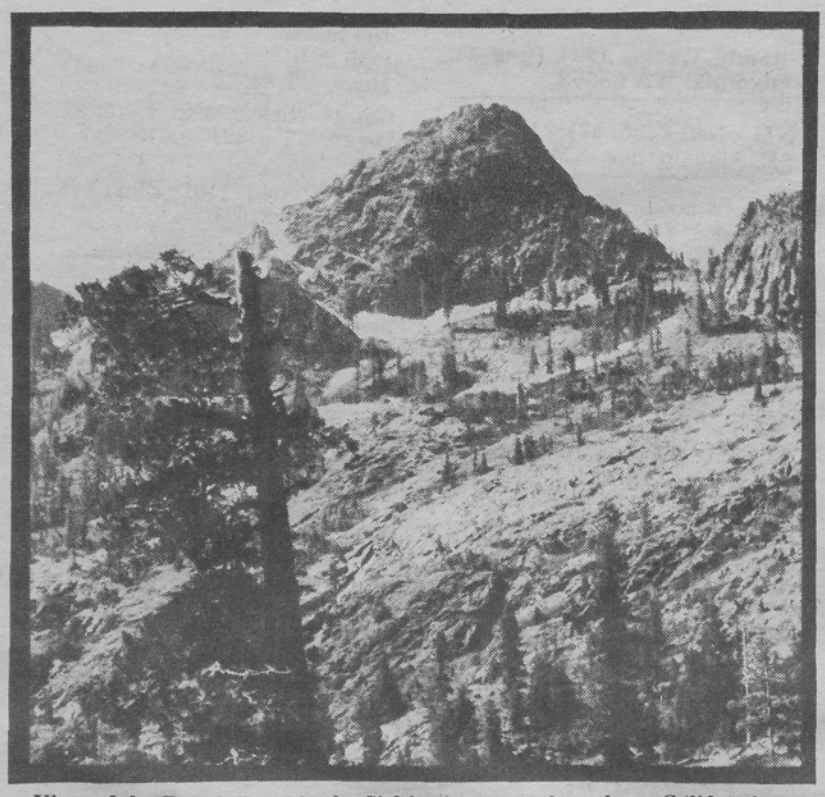
The second reason is I am a grandfather to twenty-one children. That in itself is enough reason to have the good earth remain as it is, so beautiful and serene. Maybe it will be better with people like you, who know what the good earth is, and who care enough to try to keep some parts as God intended it to be, with true fresh air, pure water, and the smell of spring, and fall, and the beauty of summer and winter.

These are the things I want my grandchildren to see and enjoy, if and when they care to.

I'm sorry I'm too old and useless to help in any other way, but my spirit is with you. I hope and pray you are successful and keep some of the good earth as God intended it to be. To live in and enjoy it, not to exploit it for profit.

Your Friend of the Good Earth
Frank J. Arpaia,
Islip, New York

P.S. I forgot to mention, I now am great grandfather to two great granddaughters. Another two reasons why. You never lived, until you lived with the good earth.



View of the Punch Bowl in the Siskiyou Range of northern California. Freddies want to doze a road into the sacred hills of the Siskiyous.

Gasquet—Orleans Road

The Siskiyou Mountains of Northwest California are not the biggest, largest or most famous of the mountain ranges of California. But they are wild. They are rugged and demarked by large rivers and steep ridges.

As wild lands, they have been recognized for their cultural, historical, botanical and geological values by conservationists and proposed for wilderness designation under the provisions of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

But the US Forest Service, which is trustee over all the lands of the Siskiyous wilderness through Six Rivers and Klamath National Forests, wants to build a road through the heartland of the sacred Siskiyou wildlands.

And the place they want to build the road is documented as sacred to tribes of Native Americans in northwest California.

Archeologists and anthropologists hired by the Forest Service have repeatedly concluded that the sacredness of these mountains, the whole space of the mountains, not just specific peaks or specific mountain ridges, is a living sense of the sacred among medicine men and practitioners of the Native American religions.

Now the Forest Service is preparing to let a contract to build approximately 8 miles of this road, frequently called the GO road or Gasquet-Orleans road, through the center of the sacred lands.

This "Chimney rock" section of the road is labeled a "reconstruction" of the 4-wheel drive fire trail built during the 1930's by the CCC. But the Forest Service road will be a $2million forest freeway.

Anthropologists have repeatedly said that this is a project without safeguards to site destruction.

The Forest Service says they will mitigate by building chainlink fences around "sacred sites" to keep vandals away.

For ten years conservationists working through reform groups such as Sierra Club and California Native Plant Society, have played the game of the Forest Service, offering input at public meetings, appealing to reason, pointing to the impact of road-building on the "cultural resources" of the Native Americans and pointing to the values of spawning habitat of the rivers which would be impacted by logging.

But the Forest Service, after Reagan was elected president, has moved swiftly to lock up the Siskiyous wildlands in Blue Creek in their economic development plans.

In a decision given by the Regional Forester in March, the Chimney Rock section of the GO road is justified as among other things a, ". . .scenic drive into remote forest areas. This access will create additional opportunities for dispersed recreational uses such as hiking and fishing."

Such statements of course are incomprehensible to those who value wildlands.

Indian leaders and conservations were quick to point out the errors of the reasoning of Forest Service officers.

Charley Thom, a Karok traditional leader said, "These are very sacred mountains. It's a place for communication with the outside world."

Jack Norton, who teaches Native American studies at Humboldt State University said he condemned this road as, "An example of government duplicity." The Forest Service is ignoring the 1978 American Indian Religious Freedom Act.

Ethnographer Dorotheia Theodoratus concluded, "Intrusions on the sanctity of the Blue Creek high country are potentially destructive of the very core of Northwest religious beliefs and practices."

The Forest Service is commiting violence against the rare and sacred wildlands of the Siskiyous. And who's to stop them.

Spokesman for Siskiyou Mountains Resources Council charged federal bureaucrats with conspiring to violate the Constitution and a number of Federal statutes in an effort to cover up this ill-planned pork-barrel highway that threatens Native American religious freedom, jobs in Humboldt county, salmon fisheries, and wildlife habitat.

Leaders of the local chapter of Earth First!, however, suggest that direct action may be necessary to show the Forest Service the error of their ways.

As this newsletter goes to press, the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, on behalf of Siskiyou Mountains Resources Council, Sierra Club, plus a number of Native Americans and other people are filing an appeal with the Chief Forester of this decision to build the Chimney Rock section of the road. It is expected that the appeal will be denied very quickly in Washington, D.C. and SCLDF is preparing a legal case to file in federal district court.

The Regional Forester indicates that he has found $2 million in the "frugal" Reagan budget to build the road THIS FISCAL YEAR.

The Forest Service officials indicate they wish to let a contract as soon as possible.

Earth First! has made this a top priority of wilderness protection. The Siskiyou wild lands are the Hetch-Hetchy battle of the Sierra and the spiritual values of Hetch-Hetchy and that issue has been called the "spiritual watershed" of American history by historian William Everson.

As Earth Firsters! affirm the spiritual meaning of deep ecology, it is both symbolic and politically important as well as individually important to affirm the spirit of the place in the sacred lands of the Siskiyous.

Non violent protests, affirmations of the integrity of the wildlands are encouraged. Spontaneous acts of defense may arise from the hearts of people.

Constant education is needed of the bureaucrats and politicians in Washington, D.C.

In respect of Mother Earth, the rituals of Native Americans, and the sacredness of these mountains, Earth First!ers are encouraged to meditate in protest against this outrage. Do it on the mountain, or in the Forest Service Office, or the politicians' offices (who support destruction). If the sacred lands are bulldozed meditate in their way.

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JOHN CROWELL
Watt In Sheep's Clothing

While environmental groups like the Sierra Club, Wilderness Society, and, yes, even EARTH FIRST! have focused their fire on environmental madman James "Rape 'n Ruin" Watt, another even more sinister figure has been operating quietly behind the scenes to turn millions of acres of old growth forest into seas of stumps and slash. What Jim Watt wants to do to the National Parks, Wildlife Refuges and BLM lands, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture John Crowell wants to do to the National Forests. That is, to turn these millions of acres of our public lands into the private preserve of Louisiana-Pacific, Exxon, Noranda, and the National Cattlegrowers Association.

Before being appointed to his position in charge of the Forest Service by Ronnie "If-you've-seen-one-redwood-you've-seen-them-all" Raygun, Crowell was chief attorney for Louisiana-Pacific, the largest purchaser of federal timber in the country. It is clear that Crowell's old bosses still pull his strings with Ronnie's blessings. In spite of the depressed demand for timber, Crowell wants to double the cut on the National Forests—largely at the expense of the virgin forests of the Northwest—and move away from sustained-yield forestry. He also wants to speed up mineral leasing (that includes oil and gas) on the National Forests (Gros Ventre, Bob Marshall, etc.). If anything, Crowell is even more anti-wilderness than Watt. When Congressman Jim Weaver asked Crowell at a hearing if he believed in preserving some lands for future generations, Crowell said simply, "No."

"Cut 'em Down" Crowell also seems to share Watt's Bavarian Illuminati view of moderate environmental groups. He was quoted in the *Albuquerque Journal* during March as saying: "I think the bulk of the people who belong to the Sierra Club and the Audubon Society are people who have a genuine concern about the treatment of our natural resources. On the other hand, I'm sure the organizations are also infiltrated by people who have very strong ideas about socialism and even communism."

In spite of enlightened statements like that, Crowell has managed to avoid the public spotlight. While Watt is drawing the attention, Crowell is working quietly—and effectively—to restore total control over the National Forests to the timber beasts. It is his faceless anonymity that enables him to be so effective. Unlike Jim Watt, he is not a comic caricature. He is simply a black hearted villain who wants to turn our wilderness into tree farms.

Obviously it is necessary to draw attention to John Crowell and his criminal policies. In this regard, EARTH FIRST! plans to launch a protest campaign aimed at this horny Paul Bunyan (how about "Howl at Crowell"?). If this SOB slips into your town (he doesn't have Secret Service protection like Jimboy), be there with other EF!ers to give him a decidedly unfriendly welcome.

We would also like suggestions from you on how to focus attention to Crowell and make him as isolated as Jim Watt. One thing that is needed is for someone to do a detailed fact sheet on the man and his crimes. Anyone interested in that? Or in coordinating our anti-Crowell campaign? Send your ideas, suggestions, etc. to me at the EF! Newsletter or my home address. Local EF! coordinators will soon be getting more detailed information.

We'll know we're having some effect when John Crowell sweeps into your town surrounded by a phalanx of goons and bully boys.

—Dave Foreman

EF! GRASSROOTS NEWS

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Each issue of the EF! Newsletter shall carry reports, announcements and positions of our grassroots groups. Please try to keep all material short so we can run every groups' news.

Free the Abiquiu Rocks

"We're moving on this one right now," said Tom Callanan, the Sante Fe representative of the eco-radical, *Earth First* movement. "We were going to wait till spring before mobilizing *Earth First's* forces, but this issue is too hot, too serious. We're going to hit it right now."

The issue?

"Rocks," said Callanan emphatically. "What's a more basic issue for *Earth First* to center on than rocks' rights. You think I'm off my rocker, don't you?" continued Callanan. "You're probably aware of the studies they're doing with plants—discovering that the plants react to humans—that they have feelings. Well, it's the same thing with rocks, although more subtle. Rocks come across at first as cold and hardened, but treat them with love and compassion, and they'll open up to you."

It is true that rocks have been treated poorly since the beginning of history. Examples of rock abuse are everywhere. For their first, landmark demonstration *Earth Firsters* chose a particularly blatant and cruel infringement upon rock's rights —Abiquiu Dam.

When Abiquiu Dam, located 50 miles northwest of Santa Fe, was built six years ago, millions of local rocks were captured and used in the huge, earth-fill dam. The dam, which is not a power producer, or a flood control structure, or a tourist attraction, "seems to serve no greater purpose than the gratification of some engineer's ego," said one local *Earth Firster.*

According to local sources, angry dam-rocks, with the help of *Earth First* insurgents, were organizing a massive roll-off exit of the rocks from the dam site. "We've been taken for granite for too many years," said a local radical rock who did not want to be identified.

Unfortunately, the Army Corps of Engineers caught wind of the planned roll-off and left no stone untured in digging up the radical rock's leaders. Hundreds of rocks are now penned up in a chain-linked stockade west of the dam.

Bob Reynolds, the Army Corps of Engineer's man in charge of the lock-up, stated that he knew nothing of the rock uprising. "Those rocks, which we use for river rip-rap," reported Reynolds "had to be locked up because they kept disappearing. They're in there for their own protection."

On Saturday, February 13, a group of *Earth Firsters* and a representative from United Press International visited the rock pen and got a different rap. Fortunately security was light which allowed for a lengthy interview with the stocky leader of the rock movement, Gordo Piedra III (his friends call him Gordy.)

"We've done nothing wrong," said a gravel-voiced Piedra. "We have the right to free speech. We've been denied that. We have the right to peaceful assembly. We've been denied that. We have the right to a speedy trial and to reasonable bail. We've been denied those rights as well. The engineers have no right to keep us here. We demand to be released on our own rock-cognizance."

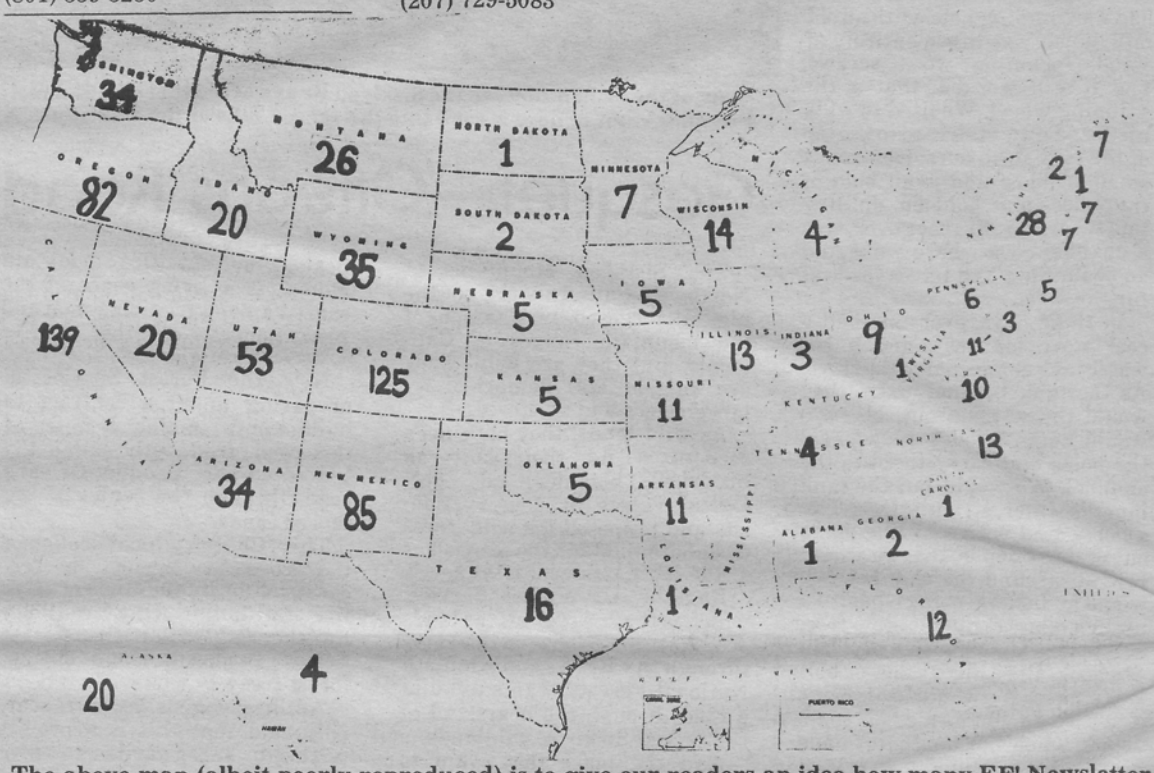
Piedra, like most of the dam rocks, with the exception of a few out of state punk rocks, was born and raised in the area now submerged by Abiquiu Dam. Piedra reminisced about the happy sedimentary existence the rocks had led before the coming of the dam.

"It was a free and easy life," said Piedra. "We sat in peace beside our brother, the Chama River. It's all different now. We're not, of course, saying that we're victims. We'll take our share of the responsibility for what's happened. In a way it's an opportunity for us—a catalyst. This is the beginning of a new rock-consciousness. We will usher in a new stone age. The call must be sent out to rocks of all colors, shapes and sizes. UNITE! ...Too many are afraid to rock the boat. Too many lie stone cold as if dead. We must oppose the further suppression of rock's rights. And if that is not enough, we must resist. And if that is not enough, we must subvert...Imagine what would happen if every rock in every dam, road, and concrete slab decided to quit work."

What will *Earth Firt* be doing about this problem?

"We've tried the proper legal channels and gotten nowhere," stated a disheartened Callanan. "Petitions, surveys, letters—all efforts have been stonewalled. It's time for a boulder approach. Don't get me wrong. We're not advocating anything illegal, but we do know that there are no patrols of the rock pen from 10 pm to 6 am. If you've got a pickup truck and a pair of wire cutters something might be done to help those rocks."

—*Reprinted from* New Life News, *March 1982*



The above map (albeit poorly reproduced) is to give our readers an idea how many EF! Newsletter *subscribers* we have. Including other countries, we now have a paid circulation of 913. Many households share their EF! newsletter, and many others don't even get it, so there are bound to be more Earth Firstlers out there than this map reflects.

EF! Grassroots News
by Corn Boy
from Missoula, MT

—Bill LaCroix has organized a crew of local high school students to arrange a "Foot Cruisin' for Clean Air" pledge walk on Higgins Avenue on an upcoming Friday nite. We're offering an alternative to the American tradition of crusing in cars. Details are in between the planning and confirmation stage. More forthcoming (or an account of the event) in the next newsletter.

—Plans and publicity for our "Take Me Out of the Bomb Game" softball game for the Championship of the World on Armed Forces Day, May 15, are well underway. We've invited American and Soviet generals to play for world supremacy. Why play the nuclear chess game when we can play softball instead? EF! has invited Congressmen to attend, as well as national TV news shows to film the event. All EF!ers everywhere are cordially encouraged to attend. Call the Missoula contact for more info.

"One must never underestimate the collective ignorance of that informed electorate for whom Thomas Jefferson had such high hopes."

—*Gore Vidal*

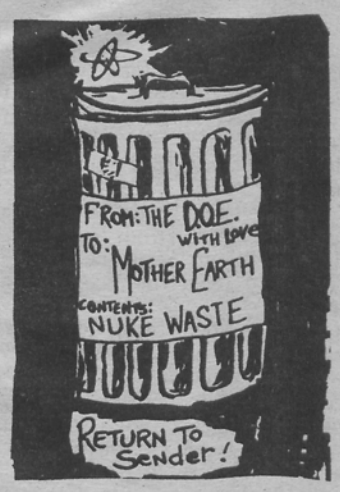
Sending the Garbage Back

On the last day of winter, Earth Firstlers held one of the first organized protests against the nuclear dump proposed for the canyons in southern Utah. Eight EF!ers marched from the Federal Building, up the hill, through the snow, to the State Capitol, to deliver carefully decorated garbage can of "nuclear waste" to the Governor's office.

As we explained our position, that of opposition to any discussion of the disposal of nuclear waste until the last nuclear power plant shuts down, the government official standing behind the desk kept shifting his gaze from us to the garbage can sitting so close to him.

"Is that all?" he inquired politely but anxiously, as we smiled at him and left. "That's all," we said. (for now, at least). But we did wonder who would have been brave enough to look inside our can, after we left, to find the green Earth First! sign we left instead of plutonium or some such garbage.

Later that evening, the local T.V. news ran a spot entitled, "Notorious Earth First! group stages protest against N-dump." "Notorious," indeed!



Dear Earth First!,

I would like to call a meeting of the Boulder EF! members and other interested persons. We should meet at 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 8 at the top of Flagstaff Mtn (by the flagpole). From there we will have a good view of the enemy, i.e. Rocky Flats and the pollution from Coors. We can discuss ideas and plans for future, plus we can get to know each other.

I hope to see you all there.

Rich Ling

Editorials

We knew it would happen. The Forest Service and the Office of Minerals Management (formerly U.S.G.S.) proposed in their final E.I.S. that Getty Oil be granted permission to drill in Little Granite Creek. We knew it just had to happen—but not with such a blatant, baldfaced show of arrogance.

The "powers that be" kept their blinders on and their ear-plugs in, stapled a bundle of protesting letters into the document, changed the color of the cover and then stamped "FINAL" on it. So much lip-service for the public, the wild country and Little Granite Creek.

And so much for this sham. It is pretty damn sad that the Forest Service now wants to give joint approval for a road and a rig into an area that they proposed for wilderness during RARE II. All this despite the fact that both the Democratic and Republican parties in Teton County, the local state Senator and our Governor want wilderness for this part of the Gros Ventre. (Typically, our Republican Congressional delegation doesn't want wilderness—too much of a hot potato.)

But hang on folks, we still have time. The proposal has not been finalized—it has not been yet signed by the high "mucky-mucks." There will be appeals and other legal action to follow.

Meanwhile, as Aldo Leopold once wrote "...A militant minority of wilderness-minded citizens must be on watch throughout the nation and *vigilantly* available for action."

If and when the time comes—we'll be there to greet Getty's bulldozers. We'll keep you posted—so stand by.

by Bart Koehler

For The Wilderness

(Words by B.N. Koehler:
Tune — *Your Cheatin' Heart)*

This timber sale will make you weep
The soils are thin, the slopes too steep
The elk will hide, the moose will too
This timber sale will make you blue
This oil well rig will make you mad
It's such a crime, it's so damn bad
The bighorns will run, the bears will too
This oil well rig will make you blue

Chorus:
As we gather here on this mountain top
It's time to stand—It's time to make them stop!
We'll stand by you—Oh wilderness
We'll fight the tide, we'll fight this mess
We'll guard your life—no matter what they do
Oh wilderness—we're gonna stand by you.

Chorus:

EF!ers Protest Watt Appearance

Secretary of Resource Leasing James G. Watt was the featured speaker at a $100-a-plate dinner to raise funds for the Republican Congressman from Utah, Jim Hansen, Mention of the event in the papers was scant indeed; it was listed only the day before and just in front of the classified section of the Salt Lake Tribune, wherein the Sierra Club denounced the tie between Hansen and Watt. The Sierra Club spokesman said they would not be demonstrating against Watt since they felt Watt only thrived on the publicity HE got from it.

A few of us serious Earth First!ers here in Salt Lake City thought about the consequences of demonstrating against the likes of Jim Watt and quickly decided that this man *must* be dealt with. We gathered as many folks as possible who could see traveling to Ogden, Utah, to do our deed for Mother Earth. We came to exactly three of us (apathy runs rampant here).

"Hey, I thought the Sierra Club agreed not to demonstrate tonight," asked a confused passerby to our tiny contingent.

"First of all," I replied, "We're NOT the Sierra Club. Furthermore, we don't make those kinds of agreements."

As we stood there, outside the doors to the student union building of Weber State Campus in Ogden, scores of prim and proper Republican types scurried by, trying to ignore our placards as they headed towards the grub they were paying their "hard-earned bucks" for.

"You'd be better off to get a job," jeered a rotund old fellow as he scampered by with his stoic-looking wife.

Another clump of Republicans followed. Seeing our signs, an annoyed old woman strained, "Oh, Heeee's not soooo bad."

A few secret service clones peered at us from a short distance away as a young photographer from the Ogden Standard Examiner studied the various angles from which he could get a shot of us. A reporter from the same newpaper announced that, "I know Watt's wrong." He commenced to take notes on what we thought the problem was with Watt.

"Who's James Watt?" asked a bemused, shaggy-haired kid as he stood admiring our protest placards. The three of us demonstrators (Diane, Al, and me) gave one another "where ARE we?" looks, then tried to clue our friend in.

The sun had gone down and soon the full moon would be up. We picked up our collection of anti-Watt signs to move over by the doors where a little heat might escape to warm us. A TV cameraman showed up and turned his kleig lights on us. A campus cop popped out of the front door and asked, "Is this IT?"

We said, "Yep."

"You're not going to film these three, are you?" the cop asked the cameraman.

"I was told to film anyone who showed up in protest," he answered.

A few minutes more went by. The dinner began. We would not be going inside to feast on the victuals. We wouldn't think of it. As the moon came into view, a wolf-howl was given. But Watt and friends never heard it. And they probably never will.

"The International People's Court of Retribution is a new justice movement for the balance of the earth. All state, federal and private money interests are now warned. Stop whaling.

We consider all wildlife to be part of our selves and will move viciously to defend our lives. Anyone caught killing wildlife, polluting, or cutting down trees will be maimed, poisoned, or chopped in a similar manner. A whaler without arms cannot swim."

—message delivered to the San Francisco *Chronicle* by an anonymous woman, July 3, 1976

Editorial by Tony Moore—

You know how I hate to argue, but sometimes I just got to disagree. This time it's Howie I'm scrapping with (on paper, of course. He's too big for me.)

I'm concerned with a couple of statements in Howie's editorial, first the "Fuck Society" attitude, then the concentration on wilderness preservation. As far as society and Earth First! go, we must never lose sight of the fact that we Earth First!ers *are* society. This crazy culture of ours does not exist apart from Earth First! Indeed, through educational efforts such as this newsletter and the Roadshow, we are actively attempting to convince society that Earth should be our number one consideration in decision-making. But we can't criticize as though we're in a holy glass cage and everyone else is a criminal. We have a responsibility to work within the present social structure, and to change it. No one will listen to someone saying "fuck society."

The idea behind the upcoming Ned Ludd book on Deep Ecology lays an Earth First! foundation for living in harmony with our planet. The Earth First! book of ideal occupations of Earth will illustrate our vision of restructuring society so we humans may peacefully co-exist with each other and other organisms in nature. We do not separate ourselves from society. We do redirect society to a more reasonable existence. Let us never compromise our beliefs and goals, no matter how radical they may be. But just as James Watt is part of nature (he's probably cringing now), Earth First! is a part of society. Yes, let's work toward redefining societal values so we humans live as part of nature, not apart from Her.

Next, I question the strategy of fighting for wilderness *only* through wilderness issues. Wilderness preservation is, of course, a primary concern of EF! But should it be the only concern? It seems to me that we back ourselves in a corner if we don't fight to protect the environment of our own neighborhoods, towns, and states equally as hard as we fight for wilderness.

Wilderness is the last stronghold of wildness and naturalness. But if we don't fight for clean air and water, for recycling (of materials that could come from wilderness,) and conservation (of resources that may be extracted from wilderness,) we're missing half the battle. Cut 'em off at the pass! The name "Earth First!" connotes an attitude, a philosophy. We've taken pains to avoid creating a bureaucratic organization, and, in so doing, have laid the foundation for an eco-centric philosophy of life. Certainly, wilderness is the inspiration behind the philosophy and the organization, but we're Earth First!, not Wilderness First! Earth First! automatically includes compassion for wilderness. Wilderness First! does not include protection for the Clark Fork River flowing five blocks from my house. Yes, let's battle for wilderness, but let's fight equally hard to protect this planet in every way we can. Wilderness is not removed from Earth, it's part of Her.

—Tony Moore

Howie Responds—

If one believes that "working with the present social structure" will succeed in radically changing society so that it can incorporate something as basic and necessary as the EF! platform, then you are indeed correct: It is pure folly to say "fuck you" to society.

If, however, you believe, as I do, that working with the present social structure has gotten us and will continue to get us Glen Canyon Dams, interstate highways, soil-depleting monocultures, Three Mile Islands, RARE II, Watt, Crowell, gun control, unfair taxes and the destruction of 97% of our nation's (lower 48) wilderness, then you look elsewhere.

"Fuck Society" indicates a rejection of these disasters and the system of corporate welfare that brought them about. Are Earth First!ers part of this society? Hell, no!

While EF! should, through actions and education, try to lay a foundation for an "ecocentric" set of values for our civilization, I also believe that EF! would be wasting its time trying to provide a detailed blueprint for reforming civilization. A truly impossible task—especially when one considers the incredibly diverse political philosophies even within a group like Earth First!

But we can effectively fight to save wilderness and endangered species. In fact, I've always advocated that we fight for the earth's integrity on all fronts (you'd better re-read the last paragraph of my editorial, as well as the EF! platform, which I helped to write.) However, an inescapable fact is that the loss of species through extinction is the most irreversible environmental insult of all. The preservation of wilderness in order to maintain our planet's inherent and remaining diversity (regardless of the eventual fate of civilization) remains the most important challenge to the human species. EF! must fight, by whatever prudent means necessary, to protect the Earth's diversity.

Let the Sierra Club restrict itself to conventional means "within the present social structure." Where they leave off, EF! must continue!

Digger Testifies at Grand Junction

Dave Foreman's speaking schedule is so busy these days that even a good hound dog would have problems keeping his scent.

Recently, however, one of our most widely-travelled reporters, Mr. Everett Ruess, decided he should catch up with Dave in Grand Junction, Colorado, to get us a transcript of Dave's testimony at the March 6th Interior Committee's Oil and Gas Leasing Hearings. Ruess managed to get Dave's entire 5-minute speech for us verbatim.

Statement by Dave Foreman, National Spokesperson for Earth First!, on HR 5282, The Wilderness Protection Act of 1982, to the House Interior Committee in Grand Junction, Colorado, on March 6th, 1982

Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, I am Dave Foreman, acting today as the spokesperson for EARTH FIRST!. I appreciate this opportunity to testify today on Congressman Phillip Burton's Wilderness Protection Act of 1982. It is interesting to note that Congressman Lujan's egregious piece of legislation introduced for Secretary Watt and the Reagan Administration, HR 5603, is also named the Wilderness Protection Act of 1982. The English language is certainly taking a beating with that one.

Due to the limited time and obvious righteousness of my cause, I will dispense with the rhetoric usually called for when confronting moral outrages such as the Reagan Administration's attack on our Wilderness System and confine my brief remarks to the constructive recommendations of EARTH FIRST! for improving Rep. Burton's HR 5282. HR 5282 is good—as far as it goes. But it is too little, too late.

In order to strengthen the legislation and to give at least minimal protection to America's fast disappearing wilderness resources, EARTH FIRST! proposes the following changes:

I. HR 5282 should withdraw from the mining laws and mineral and geothermal leasing laws the following area:

1. All Wilderness Areas
2. All Congressional Wild
2. All Congressional Wilderness Study Areas
3. All Forest Service Primitive Areas
4. All Forest Service Research Natural Areas
5. All National Recreation Areas administered by the Forest Service
6. All lands administered by the National Park Service.
7. All lands administered by the US Fish and Wildlife Service.
8. All areas included in the Alaska Lands Act.
9. All areas identified as "roadless" in RARE II and all RARE I areas not included in RARE II due to a completed land use plan.
10. All BLM areas retained in the initial inventory decision (1979) of their wilderness review under Section 603 of FLPMA.
11. All BLM Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, Primitive Areas, Outstanding Natural Areas, and Research Natural Areas.
12. All lands in the National Wild & Scenic Rivers System.

There is some redundency in the above list but that is necessary when dealing with a Secretary of Interior as disinclined to follow the letter of the law as the current Secretary. All RARE II and RARE I roadless areas and BLM initial inventory decision areas are withdrawn because of the highly subjective and unprofessional methods used by the Forest Service and BLM in the RARE and Section 603 programs.

II. Any mineral or geothermal leases issued in any of the above areas without a full environmental impact statement should be declared invalid, null and void.

III. A full moratorium should be placed on any mineral activity in any of the above areas, including on valid claims or leases.

IV. Holders of valid mineral or geothermal leases in any of the above areas should have their lease exchanged for a similar lease on other public lands.

V. Any valid mining claims in the above areas should be acquired by the Federal government. The money to fund this program could come from a special tax levied on minerals and energy resources extracted from the public lands.

Obviously, the above proposals treat only the symptoms. What is needed in the long run is a complete rewriting of the Wilderness Act and a total rethinking of national minerals and energy policy—particularly on the public lands. We in EARTH FIRST! are currently developing such proposals and will hopefully have them ready for your consideration when this Committee holds hearings on Lujan/Watt HR 5603 abomination in a few months.

Thank you again for this opportunity to bring our views to the United States Congress.

EF! Editor Interviewed

The Casper Star Tribune (Wyoming's largest newspaper) recently conducted an interview with our fearless editor wherein he acknowledged that the label "radical" is an accurate one for Earth First!

The interview revolved around the recent recommendation for approval of Getty Oil Co.'s request for permission to drill for oil in Little Granite Creek Canyon, southeast of Jackson. The canyon had been previously recommended as a new Gros Ventre Wilderness, but the most recent State Wilderness bill excluded it to favor existing oil leases.

Pete stressed that while Earth First! does not advocate violence or illegal acts, neither are its members open to compromise. If the legal process to protect Mother Earth fails, then Earth First! will literally stand in the way of bulldozers headed up Little Granite Creek Canyon, as we believe the canyon should remain inviolate.

If such an action is necessary, Pete predicted we will have members come from all across the country to blockade road-building in Little Granite Creek, and if necessary, go to jail.

Tree Huggers, River Lovers

Activists were arrested for trespassing with intent to obstruct legal business on March 9, 1982, after chaining themselves to trees by the edge of the rising reservoir behind the New Melones dam in the Upper Stanislaus River Canyon in Northern California. The federal government continues to ignore a state requested injunction issued in February to stop filling the reservoir, which has since gone up 50 feet burying two more miles of the river and destroying the upper canyon.

Linda Cloud, one of the organizers of this action, said:

"I am chaining myself to this tree, and linking my life to its threatened life, to protest the further killing of this place of special beauty which can continue to give so much joy to so many people. I have never done anything like this before, but I'm being forced to defend this canyon, my home. It's not just those of us here today that feel frustrated and angered."

Earth First! commends the actions of people like these who are willing to stand up for what they believe.

New Mexico BLM Wilderness

BLM Wilderness Review in New Mexico Needs EF! Help

The Bureau of Land Management in New Mexico is undertaking an accelerated wilderness review schedule this spring and summer which will result in final BLM wilderness proposals for all areas in the state by fall. The Sierra Club, New Mexico Wilderness Study Committee, and Wilderness Society have formed a coalition to get conservationists out in the field to look at the areas and to coordinate development of conservationists' wilderness recommendations. EARTH FIRST! in New Mexico is also going into the field and plans to submit its much larger wilderness proposals for BLM lands in New Mexico. EF!ers plan to propose the combining of BLM WSA's through the closing of roads in order to be able to produce truly significant arid land wilderness in New Mexico. The EF! approach is definitely needed in New Mexico because BLM will undoubtedly take an unmerciful meat ax to the paltry WSA's they have (for example, State Director Lesher has already proposed that 50,000 acres of the stunning high elevation grassland of the Pelona Mountain area be dropped because he doesn't thing grassland is wilderness). Other serious threats to BLM wild lands in New Mexico include BLM's reluctance to control oil and gas exploration in the West Potrillo and Big Hatchet Mountains WSA's along the Mexican border. To help with field work on these areas, contact Judy Bishop, NM BLM Coalition, 3005 Calle Quieta, Sante Fe, NM 87501 (505) 471-4439; Dave Foreman, 1802 Sun Ct., Rio Rancho, NM 87501 (505) 892-9789; or Neil Cobb and Tom Callanan (see EF! local coordinators register in this issue). (Note: EF!ers in other states should get involved in the BLM wilderness review and other states should get involved in the BLM wilderness review and RARE II bills in their states and develop larger wilderness proposals.)

An "F" for the Republicans

To give Earth First!ers another idea of what we are forced to spend our hard-earned tax money on, we present for your perusal the following excerpts from a special report entitled, "The Specter of Environmentalism: The Threat of Environmental Groups." The report was prepared for the Republican Study Committee. Unfortunately the Republicans are a little dull when it comes to identifying the environmental "extremists" they are so actively trying to discredit.

"...Despite the environmentalists' inability to force the firing of Secretary Watt, some environmental groups are expanding their lobby assault to attack other Administration officials such as EPA Administrator Ann Gorsuch, Agriculture Secretary John Block, Energy Secretary James Edwards, OMB Director David Stockman, and even President Reagan himself. Apparently, environmental groups have finally recognized that their efforts to isolate Watt as an environmental madman and as the aberration of the Administration's natural resource policy have failed. Since the Reagan Administration is commited to restoring a proper environmental balance and support Watt's Interior program, the environmental organizations are now obligated to attack the entire Reagan Administration."

"...There is also a trend toward a new revolutionary stream in the environmental movement referred to as "deep ecology." As Sociology Professor Bill Devall articulates in the National Resources Journal, *this revolutionary force of environmentalism is seeking "a new metaphysics, epistemology, cosmology, and environmental ethic of person planet." This powerful faction of environmentalism is not merely content on striving for environmental protection; this radical branch of the environmental movement is seeking to cultivate a liberal, almost counter-culture view of the world. An authority on environmental activism, Dr. H. Peter Metzger, the manager of Public Affairs Planning at the Public Service Company of Colorado, terms these new environmentalists "coercive utopians" and argues that they have a hidden liberal agenda. He articulates that today's environmentalist is not merely seeking a clean and safe environment, but is striving for "some vague political goal, designed to come about by stopping energy production as as we know it."*

Dave Bart at the UWA Convention

A week after the spring equinox, the Utah Wilderness Association held their yearly state-wide convention. Among the featured guest speakers at the event were such notables as the governor of Utah Scott Matheson, State Senator Frances Farley, Mayor Ted Wilson, and an excellent slide-show extravaganza (using 9 projectors) by John Telford and Bruce Hucko entitled, "A Price to Pay." Two hundred people showed up for the festivities.

Following lunch, Earth First!ers showed off the film we had made of "The Cracking of Glen Canyon Damn." The thrill came at the moment we watched the "crackers" stomp out to the "dropping point" to unravel the plastic marvel which would shortly thereafter be dusted by the FBI.

Following the celluloid masterpiece, Digger got up and sans microphone explained what the matter is with western civilization—all civilization, for that matter—arrogance. We humans are arrogant and can only see far enough ahead to satisfy our own selfish point of view, that of taking, taking, taking, and hardly ne'er any compassion for Mother Earth and Her myriad of life. "It's time we got mad and began to ACT on our passion for Mother Earth," Digger exclaimed.

Now, Johnny Sagebrush didn't just hang out and tune his guitar. Johnny hammered away at his golden strings and belted out songs he has especially written for times like these. The crowd went wild, so to speak.

CAT TRACKS

by Chim Blea

(Ed. Note: Chim Blea is the name given by the Indians of Baja California to the mountain lion on whose kills they fed. They found such carrion by following the circling buzzards. With this issue of the EF! Newsletter, we introduce this wide-ranging column which is certain to be controversial and provocative. Neither the Newsletter nor EARTH FIRST! necessarily endorses the point of view presented here.)

THE HERITAGE OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION

Why is it that every great and justified revolution from the United States to Nicaragua has become corrupted, with the people's heroes replacing the old tyranny with an equal terror? Why is it that in spite of the "green revolution," modern medicine, socially conscious engineering projects, and efficient organizational techniques there is more suffering, disease, and starvation in the world than at any time in the past? Why is it that in this glorious age of television, international sports spectaculars, video games, impossibly ravishing Hollywood queens, jumbo jets, and fun drugs there is a greater sense of despair, of hopelessness than ever before? Why is it that in spite of every world leader's cry for peace and thirty-five years of the United Nations there are more wars and the greatest threat of the final conflict than this planet has ever known? Why is it that in spite of science we are destroying the very foundations of life on Earth?

Where is Progress?

Why has the great god Apollo, god of rationality, god of the scientists, humanists, Christians, capitalists, and communists not straightened things out and ushered in the golden age promised by high technology?

To answer these questions we must take a radical journey back four thousand, five thousand years ago to the beginnings of that prized artifact we call Western Civilization. The Western Civilization developed where it did or when it did was chance. That it did develop was no accident. The seeds of this marvelous genesis were contained in the enlarged brain, opposable thumb, and upright posture of the earliest hominids. Western Civilization is an idea, a process—a paradigm, or worldview. It today encompasses the whole world from Peking to Timbuktu, from Kiev to Alice Springs, from Managua to Boston.

It began on the eastern end of the Mediterranean. In the semi-arid hills of Mesopotamia, nomads settled down to grow the wild grasses they found there. Dependence on uncertain rains gave way to simple irrigation to more ambitious projects for the control of water. Village was replaced by town, town by city, city by empire. As hunter-gatherers became farmers and then urbanites, an administrative class developed and became the officers of empire. Nearby on the Nile the strong men who had scrambled to the top of their agricultural anthill realized that they were the gods of Earth and called themselves Pharoahs. In the harsh herding lands of Canaan, tough-minded Pharoahs conceived a single war god supremely masculine. And on the rocky peninsula and islands of Greece, Diana and the other Earth goddesses were replaced by the macho Olympians who were in turn replaced by Apollo, god of reason. Indeed, the wise men of Athens became so enamored of reason (the civilized, male, modern way of thinking) and opposed to intiution (the natural, female, old-fashioned way of thinking) that they decided that the only rational form of love was man for man and they became homosexuals—not because they liked boys so much as they hated the ancient Earth wisdom women represented.

These ideals coalesced and became one worldview—Western Civilization. Empire from Babylon. God-like rulers from Egypt. Male hierarchy from Israel. Rationality from Greece. Western civilization came on horseback in opposition to the ancient Earth goddesses, to living in harmony with the flow of the seasons, to cooperative egalitarian small tribes and communities, to seeking wisdom intuitively from the Earth. By definition, Western Civilization was anti-Earth, anti-woman, anti-equality, anti-peace.

During the last two thousand years *nothing of importance* has occurred in the worldview of Western Civilization. Newton, Descartes, Marx, Ford, Einstein, have merely carried it further down its ordained path. Christianity, Capitalism, Communism, Industrialism, Humanism, Scientism are merely sects debating the number of demons dancing on warheads. Computer chips and the MX Missile are the natural children of the first irrigation project and the overseer's whip. That is why the world is in a mess. Because of the worldview of Western Civilization.

There will be no change for the better until the paradigm of Western Civilization is replaced by another worldview. Until Apollo is dethroned and Diana is again paramount. Until greater wisdom is seen in the Lakota than in the New Yorker. Until the stone point is more fascinating than Pac-Man. Until children seek wisdom alone on a mountain rather than in books alone.

Pipe Dreams Shattered

On April 8th, after 6 years of work, 1,400 permits from state and federal governments, and an expenditure of $50 million, the Northern Tier consortium was stopped in its efforts to construct an oil superport and a 1,500 mile long pipeline to carry crude oil from Alaska to refineries in the Northwest and upper Midwest.

Republican governor of Washington, John Spellman, rejected the application for the pipeline to pass through Puget Sound saying "I cannot allow the Sound, it's delicate ecology or the economy and lifestyle it supports to become endangered."

Cortland Ditler, Chairman of the consortium which includes Getty Oil, U.S. Steel, and Westinghouse Electric stated that his group would review the decision before deciding on a course of action, but, that "Northern Tier does not intend to continue its endeavors."

DEAR NED LUDD

Editor's Note:
The Earth First! Newsletter presents this revision of our earlier "Eco-Tactics" column for the sole purpose of our readers' entertainment. Neither the Earth First! Newsletter, nor any of its contributors necessarily endorse or condone the opinions and ideas expressed in "Dear Ned Ludd."

Furthermore, Earth First!, the Earth First! Newsletter, and its editors are opposed to violent and illegal activities, and we take no responsibility for any such behavior on behalf of anyone who might read "Dear Ned Ludd."

Readers are invited to submit material for this column, but we encourage those who do so to keep their pieces short to allow for space limitations.

Under no circumstances will the Earth First! Newsletter consider any submissions which advocate violence against any of Mother Earth's life forms.

DEAR NED LUDD

(Ed. Note: Imagine our surprise a fortnight ago when into our scroungy office came the original Ned Ludd. Although he was 235 years old, he didn't look much worse than Bart, or Dave, or Spurs after a hard night of EARTH FIRST! partying. We were delighted when Ned offered to take over our Ecotactics Column and turn it into "Dear Ned Ludd.")

Dear Ned Ludd,
Are you aware of the book "Ecotage" that was published by Environmental Action ('71 or '72, Pocket Books, I think)? It was a compendium of suggestions inspired by the Fox of surburban Chicago. The Fox was the one who threw sludge collected from US Steel's corporate HQ. The suggestions ranged from mailing in busines reply cards of corporate polluters with EF!-type messages on the back instead of your address, to injecting butyl mercaptan (high stench) into the wall of the home of an offending corporation's executive officer. It was a good book but lacking in many technical specifications; mostly ideas. I hope your Ecodefense Manual will be more detailed and more real.
Vixen
Cleveland

Dear Vixen,
I thought I recalled the "Ecotage" book but when I couldn't find a copy I just thought my senility was playing tricks on me again. Does anyone out there still have a copy of "Ecotage"? If so, please send it to me in care of this newsletter. I'll return it after looking it over for the ECODEFENSE book.

Dear Ned Ludd,
I recently hiked into a beautiful wild canyon in southeast Utah with a friend. The trip would have been romantically idyllic except for the dirt bikes that nearly ran us off the trail and had ripped up the canyon. When we got back to my car a couple of days later, the windows were smashed. Guess they didn't like my "Hayduke Saves" bumpersticker. Needless to say, I was pissed and began plotting on how to get dirt bikes and other ORV monsters. One idea I had was driving roofing nails into small pieces of plywood and bury the plywood with the nails up in soft sand where a bike trail comes up out of a stream crossing. This should nail their tires good as they dig into the sand to climb up the bank. What do you think? Do you think this could hurt a hiker?
Joe Smith
Provo

Dear Joe,
It sounds good to me, but since I-I'm not much on machines, I'll throw your question out to our readers. Any comments on the efficacy of this tactic disabling a bike or presenting a danger to hikers would be gladly welcomed. Any other ideas to help Joe get even with the cretins on their Yamahas and Hondas would be welcomed, I'm sure.
Ned

Dear Ned Ludd,
About ten years ago I was very fond of attacking auto packs, laden with the offspring of Detroit Mama. Since just throwing rocks at the fat cat cars would do little damage, my partner and I would arrive at a trestle over the tracks at about 9 p.m., knowing that a train carrying chromium coaches would pass at around 10:30. We'd start gathering boulders as big as we could carry to build up a large ammunition supply. About 10 we'd lie in wait for the train, flat on the iron to avoid the spotlight as it barrelled towards us. After the locomotive passed, we'd sit up and drop our boulders when the caddies were below us (about a distance of 10 feet). We had glorious direct hits; smashing windshields, crunching roofs and hoods. Then we'd lay low as the caboose passed. We had to stop our fun when railroad dicks began patrolling the area. I notice now that most autopacks are enclosed with protective screening over the top and sides. I assure you that this was not "mere teenage vandalism" but of a sincere Luddite motive.
Rafe
Corncob, Iowa

Dear Rafe,
I am happy to have been of such inspiration to have kept you out of sleazy pool halls as a teenager.

Dear Ned Ludd,
Enclosed is a primer on seismic survey operations for your readers, along with some illustrations. Hope your friends find this useful.

Seismic Survey Crews: How They Work

One of the biggest potential threats to wilderness is the amount of land under lease for mineral exploration. According to the Utah Wilderness Association, over ninety percent of BLM land in Utah is covered by oil and gas leases. The holder of the lease has the right to explore for mineral wealth with helicopters, trucks and sometimes earth-moving equipment; roads have been bulldozed for drilling rigs in several Wilderness Study Areas in Utah, even though this violates BLM regulations for WSA's. Clearly, due to the "energy crisis," depletion of reserves of strategic minerals, etc. mineral exploration, drilling and mining continue to be regarded in Washington as priority uses for public lands in the West.

Permits to explore for oil and gas are regularly granted by the BLM and Forest Service with little or no fuss. Environmental damage is supposed to be kept to a minimum, but some is inevitable and nobody watches seismic crews to prevent needless tearing up of the land, with the exception of archeological sites which must be surveyed and marked by an expert before the seismic work can begin. I heard a story which typifies this kind of situation. A crew was doing a line in Montezuma Canyon in Utah, where they were preceded by a bulldozer to make a road through the Basketmaker and later Cliff Dweller sites, an archaeologist marked these sites off limits with blue flagging. Human nature being what it is, the surveyors and the "juggies" raided every blue-flagged area for pot shards and arrowheads!

Exploration on private land often crosses fields, where compaction of the soil by the heavy trucks can cost a farmer money. So a permit agent calls on the landowner with cash in return for granting a permit. Often, this includes restrictions such as "one set of tracks" or "no vehicles" (so the cable must be packed in on foot), and these are most often adhered to although mistakes are made. There is the story of a farmer who didn't get paid as promised, and appeared in the door of the recorder truck with a shotgun. The senior observer was curtly told to call all the trucks in, and after getting a call on the radio the whole crew was soon gathered together in shotgun range, where the farmer told them to walk back to town and he was confiscating the trucks for trespassing. Took a while to straighten that one out.

After the permit agent has done his work, the next step is to send in the surveyors. Working with a "chain," the line is laid out cross country or along a road used colored flags at regular intervals of 110, 220, 440 feet or whatever the pattern being used. Later (sometimes not until after the line is "shot") the surveyors sight in the whole line with a theodolite or its electronic equivalent, leaving survey stakes to mark instrument positions. Survey work is easy, though tedious, to undo. As an ecodefender, the biggest problem is finding a seismic line in the first place; unless you have talked to somebody on the crew over a beer, a glimpse of colored flags along a road or trail is the only clue. Then walk along the line and pull them all up. Be sure and bring a pack because seismic lines often run thirty miles or more, and that's a lot of flags.

Wilderness areas commonly have a lot of rugged terrain, or they would have been explored and drilled years ago. The advent of "portable" crews has overcome terrain problems, however, and created problems for wilderness defenders instead. Portable crews arrive by helicopter and use lightweight cable and geophones, and a portable seismograph or "recorder" unit which puts the data on magnetic tape. To create echoes for the geophones to pick up, holes are drilled for dynamite charges or else surface charges are set off on command from the senior observer at the recorder. These explosive charges do little damage to the landscape, but they play hob with any wild animals that might live in the area. In some cases where an area has been repeatedly explored (oil companies don't share information with one another, so much redundant work is commissioned) deer and other living things have reacted by moving out to a quieter neighborhood.

As opposed to a portable crew, a "shot-hold" crew is much worse. I talked to a Park Service ranger at Hovenweep National Monument, where some very large Anasazi ruins are perched precariously atop sandstone boulders. He had just had a visit from a shot-hold operation that ran a line just outside the monument boundary at Square Tower Ruins, less than a mile from harm to the ruins, but I think that ranger was very glad to see them go. Shot-hole operations use a truck-mounted drilling rig and leave a lot more physical evidence than a portable crew. There are restrictions in the use of this kind of equipment near human habitation, naturally, but most oil and gas exploration is on back country roads and trails. The major threat to wilderness here is when seismic crews, needing a road to work, get a bulldozer and make one.

"Vibroseis" crews are a relatively new development in geophysical work. Instead of dynamite charges, vibrator trucks are used. Each "vibe" lowers a plate into contact with the ground, and shakes it hydraulically. There are usually four vibes on a crew, most often trucks but tracked vibes are used by some companies that work off the roads a lot.

A typical crew has about three or four miles of cable and geophones on the ground at any one time. During the work day, the recorder truck is plugged into the cable, "reading" off about two miles of line as the vibes shake at intervals along it. The "jug crew" is picking up the geophones and cable behind the vibes and laying it all out again ahead (see diagram). At night, the vehicles are usually parked in town but the cable is left in place on the line. Very often the cable heads are disconnected at intervals or where the line crosses a road, since people have been known to use a pickup truck or whatever to drag cables away. This has allegedly happened on the Ute Mountain Indian Reservation. Cable and geophones are very expensive, and often hard to replace if lost or damaged.

Vibes and jug trucks come in threes and fours on a seismic crew, and the crew can usually operate well enough despite the loss of one of these vehicles. However, each crew possesses one and only one recorder. If it goes down, no work can be done until it is fixed. Recorders are expensive and complex electronic equipment, and too costly to replace with a spare. If the recorder is down, the crew has to shut down. "Juggie" lore tells of the time one crew was tired of working seven days a week, 12 hours a day and they created a vacation by putting a ping pong ball in the diesel fuel of the recorder truck.

In themselves, seismic survey crews do little damage to the environment when compared to strip mines, power plants and dam projects. However, our remaining de facto wilderness areas which are not protected by legislation lie open to road making for seismic operations, and when the results from this type of survey are positive we get drilling rigs. This type of work should be restricted to land already dominated by the works of man. In wilderness areas, seismic crews are the vanguard of the "rape, ruin and run boys" and should be stopped.

George H.
Jackson, Wyoming

Dear George,

A tip of the old monkeywrench to you, mate! That's just the kind of technical information we non-mechanical blokes need. If any of the rest of you out there have similar information to share, please send it in. As my friend in Wolf Hole says, we will live to piss on their bloody graves.

Dear Ned Ludd,
Why not have a little fun and stick it to your local utility, oil company, industrial polluter, real estate agency, or similar scum?

A two dollar tube of glue can be usefully applied to gum up locks on office and warehouse doors, vehicle and heavy equipment ignitions, etc.

Simply select the best glue for the job at the hardware of your choice, pick your target, and, when no one is looking, squirt a generous portion of the fast drying potion into the keyhole. The lock or ignition can then be opened only after considerable effort, with a possible accompaniment of fist shaking and cursing.

While this tactic is good as general resistance to the industrial megamachine, it can also be used to coincide with special events the chosen company is holding. Imagine PG&E officials late for a news briefing on their latest nuclear plant. Or the Exxon lobbyist breaking a window to retrieve his testimony on mining impact legislation. Or highway officials trying to start a car to attend the dedication of a new freeway.

(For obvious reasons, please do not print my name with this suggestion.)

Dear Super-glue,

You sound as though you are a highly cynical, pent-up, low-budget saboteur whose only purpose in life is to cause endless trouble for the powers-that-be. Any chance you can send us more reports of others in the field who share your concern for the integrity of Mother Earth?

Dear Earth First!,
Something that you may or may not wish to consider when planning your July 4th Bash: Every year (for the last 5 and planned for this year) the Juggies-Seismic Industry Workers hold their Annual Juggie Convention at Mosquito Creek outside Jackson, Wyoming. There are usually 2-3,000 juggies there.

As you know, they work for companies under contract to major oil companies. So you may meet the opposition. However, most juggies are in the business for two reasons: #1: Money #2 They like working outdoors and being in the wilderness. As juggies are a pretty radical bunch and do care about the mountains (hard to rectify with their employment as it may be) this may also be a good opportunity to pick up some converts—if you can find anybody sober enough to care.

Some information you may wish to use in your eco-tactics column: How To Shut Down a Seismic Crew.

If you come across seismic equipment in the mountains or desert, there are a couple of cheap, easy ways to cause them untold grief and expense. Ignore the strings of geophones, unless you just wish to take them for a ride a' la Smith & Hayduke. Geophones are relatively cheap and most crews have hundreds of replacements. It's the thick cables paralleling the strings of geophones that you should concentrate on. Only two cheap, obtainable-anywhere items are necessary. A box of straight pins and a few tubes of super glue or similar product. Push two or three straight pins completely into as many cables as you have

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time for, then bend the pins until the heads break off, so they can't be seen or easily removed. This will short out all the wiring in the cable, rendering it useless. Next, find the cableheads (where the cable hooks to the next one: 100-300 feet apart). Open the heads by unscrewing or opening the latches—depending on the type of cable. Inside, you will see male and female plugs—2 each—containing 48 or 96 "pins." Cover these with super glue, as well as the joining edges of the cable heads, and put them back together. Most crews only have a few replacement cables, so if you can "fix" 10-20 heads you will certainly shut them down.

If you come across the "dog-house" (computer center of the crew), you probably won't be able to get inside it to do any real damage, unless you're carrying bolt-cutters or a hacksaw, but those things run off generators sitting right next to them so any usual monkeywrench tricks will work there. Happy Hacking!

—A Former Juggie

Dear Former Juggie,

Thanks for your imaginative and insightful "eco-tactic." You will notice that we have printed another piece on the vulnerability of seismic crews having their equipment disabled. It is surprising to note that so many juggies are favorable to wilderness preservation. If you start a movement among them, please let us know.

Ned

ECOTACTIC

Dear Ned Ludd,

Official U.S. Government timber marking paint is spiked with a special chemical that shows up under exposure to certain frequencies of light. Thus, the freddies need not fear a little extra unofficial marking by purchasers of federal timber. The blue "Mark to cut" paint is heavily valued by timber beasts who want that little extra in their daily feast. (Actually, the way the forest Circus cuts these days, they might as well hand over the paint cans to Weyerhauser executives.)

Yellow Paint is the "leave tree" color, indicating trees not to be cut. This type of marking occurs in the infamous shelterwood cutting units, where the number of trees to be cut outnumber those that will remain. Thus, our "multiple use forest" is left with a few trees sporting yellow stripes around their bellies.

Anyway, if you lose your appeal of a timber sale that threatens to gut your favorite forest, and are unable to afford a lawsuit, secure some official forest service tree marking paint and proceed into the sale area. The rest is self-explanatory.

You may not save the totality of a particular stand of timber, but you may save your favorite grove, and you'll definitely confuse the bastards.

No name, please.

Dear No Name Please,

You are obviously the artistic type. Painting trees to confuse the timber beasts has its appeal, but what happens when they start painting one color, only to be confused by another color, then the trees are painted again, until all that remains are multi-colored trees everywhere? Interesting idea, though.

Let us know what other ideas you have.

Ned

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How To Get Yours

FBI Files

Ronnie Raygun, "Fascist Gun in the West," is determined to help the corporate power-mongers in their quest to squelch any and all dissent. One of the ways he is doing this is by attempting to nullify the Freedom of Information Act. So, we of Earth First! thought it might be prudent and proper for us to publish a condensed version of a "Request of Information" for Earth First!ers to use before the government locks away our files. To request information from FBI headquarters, just type out the text below, sign your letter, have it notarized and send it off. The FBI is required to at least respond within 10 days to let you know what they have on you and how much it will cost you to get it (cost is minimal).

To:

Freedom of Information/
Privacy Act Unit
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Person:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act as amended (5 U.S. C. 552).

I request a complete and thorough search of all filing systems and locations for all records maintained by your agency pertaining to _____, including but not limited to files and documents captioned in, or whose captions include _____ in the title. This request specifically includes "main" files and "see references," including but not limited to numbered and lettered subfiles, 1A envelopes, enclosures behind files (EBFs), Bulky Exhibits, control files, and "JUNE" files. I want all records to be produced with the administrative markings and all reports to include the administrative pages.

In addition to a search of the General Index, please search the ELSUR Index.

Please search for records under the following name(s): _

If documents are denied in part or in whole, please specify which exemption(s) is (are) claimed for each passage or whole document denied. Please provide a complete itemized inventory and a detailed factual justification of total or partial denial of documents. Specify the number of pages in each document and the total number of pages pertaining to this request.

In excising material, please "black out" the material rather than "white out" or "cut out." I expect, as provided by the Freedom of Information Act, that the remaining portions of the documents will be released.

As I would like to appeal any denials, please specify the office and address to which an appeal should be directed.

I believe my request qualifies for a waiver of fees since the release of the requested information would primarily benefit the general public and be "in the public interest."

If a fee waiver is not granted, please consult me before proceeding if the fee is in excess of $_____.

(I wish to make it clear that I want all records in your office "identifiable with my request" even though reports based on those records have been sent to the FBI Headquarters and even though there may be duplication between the two sets of files. Please do not refer me to Headquarters).

I expect a response to this request within 10 working days as provided for in the Freedom of Information Act.

Sincerely,

Affirmed to on the day of before me
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(Title):

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Soft-Core Terrorists

THE FBI & EARTH FIRST!

The Cracking of the Dam: One Year Later

by George Washington Hayduke III, Janitor & Maintenance, Glen Canyon Dam

Well, it's been over a year now since EF!ers symbolically cracked the dam and I thought I'd take a few minutes out of my busy "maintenance" schedule down here to reminisce a little and bring you all up to date, especially in regard to how the EF! relationship has blossomed with the FBI of late.

Last Spring Equinox (1981), you will remember, several armed personages were ready and waiting for an attack of sabotage upon the generating room (after having been tipped off by an anonymous phone call that that was where the action was going to be) whilst 700 feet above their heads, several unarmed "damn crackers" triumphantly unfurled a 300 foot plastic crack down the face of the dam. With John Law safely ensconced in the bowels of the dam, the damn crackers were able to avoid detection and successfully complete their mission, without anyone other than the one hundred cheering people topside, being the wiser.

Newspaper reports after the event called it a publicity stunt for Ed Abbey's new book (there wasn't one) and on more than one occasion, it was reported that a black crack had been painted down the dam! The FBI confiscated the entire 300 foot crack and dusted both side for fingerprints.

Now one year later, this lowly floor sweeper is happy to report that EF! is still giving the combined forces of the Utah/Arizona FBI something to do: As the 1982 Equinox approached, security measures were visibly tightened, nocturnal patrols were carried out by horseback throughout the week, and whilst cleaning out urinals this reporter overhead two FIB, oops I mean FBI agents (snorting something and flushing) commenting that these Earth First crazies (they don't use the !) were just a bunch of "soft core terrorists." Later, emptying ashtrays, yet two more "Fibbers" were arguing EF!, one of them making the comment, "Personally, I think these people have a point, this country already has enough dams."

Who knows?? perhaps EF! will start recruiting FBI agents. . . SAME TIME NEXT YEAR, HUH, FELLAS?

CECIL GARLAND

There's a scrappy rancher out on the western edge of Utah who has been fighting for Mother Earth and taking the slick-talking military maniacs to task for several years. His name is Cecil Garland, resident of Callao.

Cecil was particularly vocal in his defense of the land when the Air Force was out trampling around in the Great Basin looking for acceptance of the MX basing scheme.

"As I understand it," Cecil said, "there are three proposed basing modes for this weapon: the land mode, the sea mode and the air mode. I'd like to add a fourth mode—the com-mode, which is where the whole thing belongs."

At a Montana Wilderness Association Convention a few years back, Cecil made the following remark, which has not in the least lost it's potency:

"The history of man is a history of weapons. There's the bone, the bow, the bullet, and the bomb. We're flat up against the bomb. I think that man is going to have to change willfully, of his own will, of his own intelligence, of his own compassion, of his own reason, or the bomb is gonna change us. If we have the nuclear war, and after it if there are people capable of assembly to create laws and rules by which we'll govern future man, the cardinal and first and primary rule will be: no more war. I think that change has to come. We can make it on our own or the bomb will do it."

EDITORIAL

By Pete Dustrud

NO NUKE DUMP!

In the last Earth First! Newsletter, we ran an article on the proposed high level nuclear waste dump the Department of Energy wants to build in southeastern Utah, next to Canyonlands National Park. Shortly after the newsletter hit your mailbox, dozens of protesters from Utah and surrounding states staged a marathon relay race and hike to demonstrate their opposition to the macabre dump idea. The relay race portion of the protest saw the arrival of several determined runners who passed a petition/baton from runner to runner all the way from Moab, Utah, through a spring snowstorm, to the State Capital in Salt Lake City. They were met by various sympathetic state officials, including Salt Lake City Mayor Ted Wilson.

Soon afterwards, the Moab-Times Independent ran a front page story stating that the Southeast Utah Association of Governments and virtually all of the local county commissioners were in favor of the dump—and among the county commissioners in favor of the nuke waste moving into the red rock canyons was Grand County Commissioner Ray Tibbetts, who called the anti-nuke protesters "nomads traveling down the highway."

Our readers might remember in 1980, on the 4th of July, when Ray and his cohorts of the so-called "Sagebrush Rebellion" ran a bulldozer into a Moab-area BLM Wilderness Study Area in a show of their contempt of locking up land for such "useless" purposes as "Wilderness."

Ray Tibbetts said in an interview recently that a nuke waste dump would help the local economy. He should know—a few weeks ago it was discovered that several of his relatives, including his wife, have filed mineral claims in the vicinity of the DOE's proposed dump. Evidently Tibbetts and family are hoping to cash in on the dump when and if a site is appropriated. What's more, the Commissioners from Grand County (Moab) stated they are willing to take the dump and that local citizens should abide by the decision of their elected officials. This touched a sensitive nerve among Moabites, prompting a flurry of angry letters to the Moab Times Independent. But, Moab politics aside, the issue of the dump is slowing gaining statewide attention. Utah Governor Matheson wrote to the DOE asking for an EIS on the entire area before the site selection and exploratory shaft becomes reality. The DOE reportedly responded, saying they had no idea Utah wanted an EIS (despite several previous requests for one). The DOE has already gouged out several "test boreholes" in the Gibson Dome area (near the Needles District of Canyonlands National Park), but next spring the exploratory shaft (of much bigger diameter and consequence) is slated for entry into Mother Earth at Davis Canyon.

Bechtel Group, Inc., has been under contract from the DOE to assess the impact, etc., of the nuke dump. Their recent Environmental Assessment (a nightmare to read) ignored, among other things, the possible impact of the dump upon ancient Anasazi ruins in Davis and Lavender Canyons, and public comment on the EA ran out April 26.

All of this adds up to one thing: the DOE is determined to ram this monstrous, quick fix, nuke waste dump down the first big hole they can chisel out, following the path of least resistance. And, if push comes to shove, the DOE will no doubt shove.

It is my feeling that Earth First! should fight this horrible project, with everything we've got. Once the DOE gets in with their big shaft next year and is followed by railroads and superfreeways to bring in all this country's nuke waste the battle will have been lost. We will have lost forever some of the most beautiful landscape on Earth. More importantly, Mother Earth will have a cancerous tumor, an unparalleled malignancy, which will fester and poison the delicate skin of the planet for hundreds of thousands—perhaps millions—of years.

We must not let the DOE and the nuclear industry destroy southeastern Utah (or anywhere else). If we leave this issue to the politicos and money grabbers in the Canyonlands area, we won't HAVE a Canyonlands area.

ARMED WITH VISIONS

Submissions are invited of poems, songs, spoofs, and all eco-radical or earth-nurturing work, • *Include SASE if you want work returned* • *All rights reserved to the authors* • Send pieces to Art Goodtimes, Box 1008, Telluride, CO 81435.

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and rock
that dance
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"sheer naked contact"
the smell of granite and effort
the poetry of each finger hold
and quartz nub
for the toe
mica flecks
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between the hands
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and the ritual
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and the brightly colored cord
& webbing
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breeze in hair
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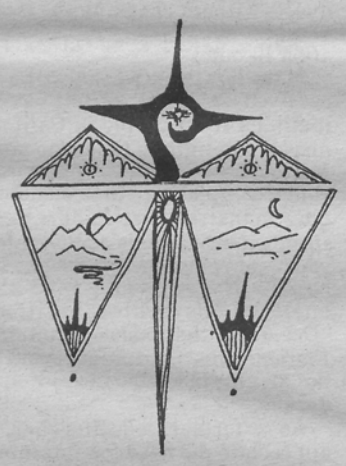
hugging granite
into the Center.

—Laurelf

Thinking the Unthinkable



I'm cold
Stuffing my hand wrapped
around the much
Smaller one
deeper into my pocket
I complained
Pee Wee Medicine Horse laughed
as she shivered
and told me that
Reservation winters were
supposed to be cold
and anyways I wasn't the only
one thats ever been cold
Warming me
the way
she had been
warmed on woodless winter
nights

—Renie Schaetzl

How Would You Measure Up?

Song for Ten Scallops

Who were waiting
in a Chinese fish market
to be scooped up, weighed
and wrapped in waxed paper,
to be carried home, unwrapped
and sauteed with soft mushrooms
and beads of brown rice,
to be slid into a wooden bowl,
sprinkled with tamari
and lifted with chopsticks,
to be chewed, swallowed and
digested
to become part of my body
to become part of the earth

1/82

—Leslea Newman

When Women Ruled

by Jack Mueller

When women ruled with their baskets
men stood in the steaming overflow
a child had one parent—
mystery incarnate was the other
& it was for the other
men & women worked sang & killed

People knew that beauty was slow
secret of elephants or a polished stone
that care in the watching unveiled design
a speechless pattern to follow
hunter for the sight
digger for the season
shaman for a deeper sight

This meticulous devotion
gave the people meat grain roots & wisdom

Slowly men discovered
the awful secret of their milk
the deep will of their seed
They took the granaries
took women to their houses
forgot old mysteries
dug old death from the earth
made it rise like themselves
above the true heart of the land

All civilization is auto-erotic
a substitute pattern born of false pride
& a wish without a name to replace
lost melodies

All patterns faster & straighter than nature
are lies
all symbols uprooted for surplus
are lies
all image song & speech torn out of the tribe & sold
are lies
all beauty & terror not born of water & land
are lies
all states larger than a woman can walk in a day
are lies.

女 政 山 水

Do This Poem With Both Hands

Peace is the same sign
as No
as Safe
it's one of those definitive
smoothing of the waters
like shake
both
fold them in front of your
solar power
let it fly
practice it
peace we don't talk about
MUTUALLY ASSURED
DESTRUCTION
peace
we don't talk about
What about the Russians?
(Have you seen any Russians,
lately?)
Have you seen any
peace
we don't talk about
goint to a boutique to buy food
there is no substitute for
loveorbutteror
guns go off when you give every-
body education/peace
we don't talk enough
the sign flies
out of the solar plexus, like
freedom
make an O.K. sign
both hands, fold them in front
of you
F! Freedom
flies out of your energy
onomatopoetic sign language
NO F---reedom
peace *we don't talk enough*
disarmament
insulation
vitamin A
the fist
is the same size
as the heart.
The raised heart.

—Susu Jeffree

A Ceremonial for Ratsy

Acacia's Hamster DOD 11/2/81

Go, small sweet natured creature,
back to earth.

Descend inside your coffin—
our Hallowed 'een pumpkin.
Ride the sun chariot,
autumn's golden placenta,
through clouds of grass.

Let your delicate skull
illuminate our garden,
your teetch gnash the Void.

Bless all our children, our living
with your going.
Chitter Love, Love, as a mantra
in our dreams, in these dark times.
Amen

—William Withervo

those who grow
hardly know it
themselves;

but you can
spot it in them

by a certain
deep green
vegetation

—Garrett Lambrev

Coyote/Jackal/Dingo
for Digger

Apache/Zulu/Arunta
native hunters
evolved in dreamtime
slaughtered by euranglos
and their farmer's
unearthly god
heaven's invasion claimed
prairie/veldt/outback
replaced hunter's prey
with christian sheep
coyote/jackal/dingo
haunt flocks of
this ape turned herdsman
refuse to surrender
the pagan earth

—José

Look at life from both sides.

Check Into Another Century.

JAIL: A PRIMER

Intro to Jail

Earth First! endorses non-violent mass actions and civil disobedience as a way to stand up to the land-raping corporate scum who's only concern seems to be profits, profits, and more profits.

Most of us are probably aware of the techniques of non-violent, civil disobedient actions. But how many of us know what happens or how to hold together once we are arrested? The bigger our group, the harder it will be for the government to impose sentences of any consequence. If we are fewer in number, we should expect the government to impose stiffer sentences. This is where solidarity becomes crucial among those of us who might be imprisoned.

The following article is reprinted from the Diablo Canyon Blockade/Encampment Handbook with the permission of the Abalone Alliance. (Their address is: Abalone Alliance, 944 Market St., San Francisco, CA 94102)

Many non-violent activists will choose to noncooperate by refusing to reveal an address, or by refusing to promise to return for trial, increasing the burden on the courts to quickly deal with us, and enhancing our solidarity and strength as people working together, filling the jails.

The questions we are asked during the booking process about our background and employment are further means to facilitate both their processing of us and their preparation of files about us, and many activists refuse to answer such questions. Similarly, many activists choose to resist the codification of people by social security numbers.

Noncooperation must be approached with conviction and understanding. It has frequently been the case, however, that someone who intended to go through an arrest situation cooperatively turns to noncooperation when ordered to do something intolerable or, for example, upon witnessing harsh treatment of another prisoner. Noncooperation can be very powerful as a response to unjust demands by guards. Whether you choose to noncooperate in this demonstration or not, your dignity may some day demand it of you.

It is likely that noncooperators will be subject to intimidation, lies, and threats. Noncooperation is difficult. It is rewarding, powerful, and inspiring, but it can be frustrating, time consuming and painful. Noncooperators must be careful not to pressure others into joining them. Anyone who tries to noncooperate must feel flexible enough to give it up if it becomes too much to handle. It is never possible to predict with certainty how strong each of us can be.

On the other hand, cooperation with the indignity and injustice of jail is no easier. We are all working to stop nuclear terror and to create a more just society in the process. It is inevitable that for some of us that struggle will continue inside prison walls.

Any act of civil disobedience implies the willingness to risk jail for one's convictions. This risk is deemed less serious than the consequences of complicity in a wrong or danger, or concession of a matter of conscience. The risk of jail in any particular action may be relatively great or small, but it is important that all who undertake such an action do so responsibly, having given thought to the possible consequences and prepared psychologically for the possibility of jail.

The experience of a jail can provide a useful introduction to the underside of the American criminal justice system. As such, it is probably an experience at least as necessary to a well-rounded education as any time spent in a university (and it costs less). It is a side of life that is experienced by millions and yet remains generally hidden and invisible to most of us.

Jail is a kind of home for the poor. This is not to say that its residents have broken no laws—though many, simply awaiting trial, have been convicted of nothing. The point is that the bail system, the determination of sentences, and the essential respect given to property before human life in our court system discriminate against the poor. The very definitions of crime in our society select against those crimes committed by the poor. Therefore, it is possible to say that people sit in jail less for a charge on which they were arrested than because they could not afford to pay a fine, to raise bail, to hire a better lawyer; because they have no property they could mortgage or influential friends to guarantee their bond.

For those who land there as a result of participation in civil disobedience actions, jail can present an opportunity for testing and strengthening spiritual and political convictions. Though it should not be courted impudently, it is something that must be faced and can certainly be endured. Those arrested as a result of civil disobedience know that they are there having made a conscious choice to stick to what they believe is right. That knowledge can make a difference between what is otherwise a thoroughly miserable situation and a larger possibility for reflection and understanding. What is more, it can provide you, when the time comes, with a reserve of strength of which you were previously unaware. Don't be surprised to find that many inmates consider themselves to be political prisoners in some sense, being perhaps most acutely aware of the societal injustices that land them in jail.

Jail is a lonely place. It aims to weaken solidarity, to try to isolate people from one another and reduce one's concentration to the demands of authority and of one's own survival.

What exactly can you expect? Jails differ as to particular conditions, regulations and privileges allowed. Yet, jails are enough alike that it is possible to make some rough generalizations.

You can expect overcrowding, which means frustrating and irritating levels of noise and distraction, little personal space or privacy, scant regard for cleanliness. You must exercise patience, consideration and discipline to preserve peace and sanity. It will be difficult to sleep; there will be blaring radios and TV's, slamming bars and loud arguments, which may make you irritable and short tempered. Learn to watch for this in others and try to respect their need for space. Time will be distorted. Days will slip by but each hour will seem like an eternity. Food will be starchy and dull (don't expect vegetarian menus). You and several other prisoners will be locked up most of the day in a cell containing only a toilet, sink and a few bunks.

You will learn to WAIT, for a phone call, a shower, a meal, the answer to a question, the time of day. The granting of the simplest courtesy, privileges or rights will be subject to the arbitrary whim of a particular guard trying to teach you to behave, submit, obey. This can become boring and exhausting. Long exposure to jail, whether as a prisoner or a guard, tends to have a corrosive effect on one's confidence in human nature and goodness, and the guards are victims of this as well, although at least they get paid. They expect the worst of people, and not surprisingly, they are not often disappointed. Their principal concern is to preserve order, which demands an atmosphere of unquestioning respect (fear) for authority. Keep expecting that they should act with respect and compassion and you may be surprised by the results. Perhaps you will surprise them into remembering that they and the prisoners in their charge share a common humanity. At least you may establish a basis for dialogue. But at the same time that you recall the humanity of your guards don't forget that, in the end, you and they have different jobs to perform. Let them be responsible for keeping order; you are responsible for keeping your conscience.

Though you should always (with discretion) be prepared to explain the politics and principles behind your arrest, don't expect that you are entitled to special privledges and treatment not extended to other prisoners. On the other hand, just because your body is detained doesn't mean you've got to turn in your conscience and convictions along with your other belongings. Whether in jail or on the "outside," the freedom we enjoy is always the freedom we claim for ourselves. Being under lock and key does not deprive you of your essential freedom as long as you continue to insist on your power to say "yes" or "no" within the limits of whatever situation you find yourself. It was your commitment to make decisions for yourself about what you should and shouldn't do that landed you in jail in the first place, and it remains a good principle to live by, even in jail.

Theatre of the Absurd

Back in the late fifties and through the sixties, there were numerous booklets, pamphlets and brochures explaining how to survive World War III. Reading them now, with our "advanced" knowledge of the scenerio of nuclear war makes one wonder how we ever got past the wheel.

The following excerpt is from "Who Wants to Live?," a one act play written in 1961 by Frank L. Dougherty, then Manager of Security at Hercules Powder Co., Wilmington, Delaware. The scene of the play is laid in the home of a Hercules employee. The characters are Father, Mother and children, the typical American family. Here, Father is speaking to his son, Mike:

"You will be listening to the Conelrad station on this battery-operated radio and you should hear general information concerning the extent of fallout. I want to show you how simple it is to operate this radiation detection kit which I bought last week for $19.95. With this kit you can tell approximately how much radiation is in the basement and you can tell when it has decayed to the point where you might think about testing it outside. The intensity of radiation from fallout diminishes rapidly. Seven hours after a typical bomb burst, radiation intensity will be only about 1/10 of what it was one hour after the explosion."

Later in the play he says, "If you see a light brighter than the light of the sun, dive for the nearest hole in the ground. . .If you survive the initial blast, you can plan that fallout will not start to be dangerous until 25 or 30 minutes later. This gives you time to locate a shelter and in most instances, will give you a change to get home."

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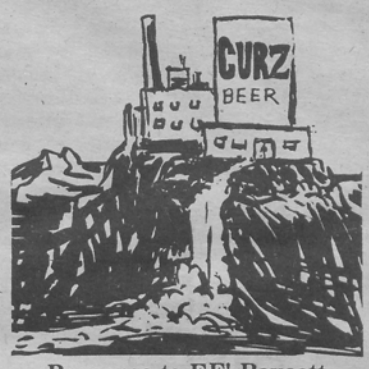

Response to EF! Boycott Adolph Coors Company

From:
John T. McCarty
Vice President
Corporate Public Affairs
March 3, 1982

Dear ----:

I have received the bottom of the photocopied letter which you have dutifully clipped and mailed to us as suggested by someone in some organization. I respectfully write first to find out what kind of person you are who responds to these kinds of requests without checking the facts and second, to ask your cooperation in our survey.

In the last three weeks, we have received a total of 31 such mailings from people in California, Washington, Colorado and Missouri. I would appreciate your completing the enclosed questionnaire. A self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed for your convenience. It would be helpful if you would read the enclosed pamphlet entitled, "Decide on the Basis of Fact, not Fiction" and the annual report of the Mountain States Legal Foundation.

As a former schoolteacher, I appreciate the need for obtaining the facts upon which we base our decisions. I have always urged my students to do this, and I have the same requirements for Coors employees.

The Sierra Club has recently announced it now has a total of 275,000 members who have committed $200,000 for specific Congressional races this year. They announced 22 workshops around the country where they will train political activists and have as their target "to defeat conservative Republicans." I assume you would agree that these organizations have a right to this action unless, of course, they are tax deductible organizations, which precludes them from engaging in political activity. I also assume you would agree that individual members of the Coors family and Coors employees have equal rights.

More importantly, I assume you agree each of us has a responsibility to get the facts before we sign our names, make statements and do other things to libel and slander individuals and institutions.

Sincerely,
John T. McCarty

EF! Fundraising River Trip

Steve and Kathy Miller, owners of New Wave Rafting Co. in Sante Fe would like to announce an Earth First! river trip on the Taos Box stretch of the Rio Grande (designated "Wild & Scenic" River) in New Mexico on June 18th. Cost will be $25 per person for the day's float trip. All proceeds go to Earth First!

The Sunset of Big Wilderness

I am currently working on an article, The Sunset of Big Wilderness, which will look at the destruction of our largest tracts of wild and roadless country during the last half century. I will be focusing on the following areas: Gila Wilderness in New Mexico; the 8-million acre Escalante/Glen Canyon Wilderness Park in southern Utah proposed by Bob Marshall and Aldo Leopold in the late thirties; the central Idaho wilderness and Magruder Road; and the Red Desert of Wyoming. I would appreciate any information on the above areas or any personal knowledge on these areas as well as suggestions for reference materials on them and their dismemberment.

As well as I can tell, the farthest a person can get from the nearest road in the lower 48 is 21 miles (thoroughfare area on the boundary of Yellowstone and the Teton Wilderness). And the only places in the lower 48 where a strong fast hiker is more than one day's hike from the nearest road are the centers of the River of No Return Wilderness, Bob Marshall Wilderness, Selway/Bitterroot Wilderness, and the SE Yellowstone/Teton/Washakie Wilderness complex. Comments or additional information on this would be appreciated (such as areas you may believe are more than a day's hike from a road). Send any of this info to me at the EF! newsletter address. Thanks for your help.

—Dave Foreman

LEGAL HASSLES

Anarchists we may pretend to be, but we are caught in a legalistic world (which is not quite as bad as my predicament of being a romantic caught in an existential world, but it's bad enough). Nonetheless, because we must deal with the system on a variety of levels we are forming a legal committee to contend with that sometimes grisly, sometimes exciting chore. Among the matters on which we need legal advice and/or action are:

• **Corporate** *(ugh)* — we need advice on taxes, accounting, forms, how not to run afoul of the system while trying to ignore it as much as possible. For example, how should we deal with the money received for subscriptions to the newsletter, sale of snake oil & trinkets, advertising etc.? (The EARTH FIRST! Foundation, by the way, already has free legal help on its problems along these lines.) This is a horrible thing for a disorganization to have to worry about, but just a *little* advice might keep Pete out of the slammer.

• **Suits** — this is more fun. We need some attorneys who will go where the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, NRDC, etc. fear to tread. There are a variety of issues out there where creative and no-compromise legal action is needed. Properly conceived and executed, a suit can throw a monkeywrench into the gears of the machine. (EARTH FIRST! should have been around to sue the Carter Forest Service over their grisly illegal RARE II EIS (that grumbling you hear over in the corner is from my old friends still working for the straight groups. They're saying I didn't want to sue back then. Which is true, but I'm meaner now.)

• **Criminal** — as everyone knows, EARTH FIRST! does not advocate monkeywrench-type activities. Nor do we not advocate them. That's up to you individual crazies out there. But we would like to know about attorneys who would be willing to defend any Haydukes and Abbzugs that happen to get caught and EARTH FIRST! would like to be prepared to raise money for their defense. In addition, there is always the chance that some of us in EF! could be arrested for blockading an oil rig or a Freddie road construction project or rolling a symbolic crack down a dam somewhere...

• **ECODEFENSE Book** — In our ECODEFENSE book (see last newsletter) we would like to offer legal advice on how to avoid conspiracy charges, how to make sure something is a misdemeanor and not a felony, what to do if arrested, how laws differ state to state and state to federal, etc.

These are the categories. If you are an attorney, please let me know what states you are licensed in, what your expertise is, how you are willing to help, and if you will do *pro bono* work. If you are willing to coordinate any of these projects, I certainly would like to hear that from you! (We do have a coordinator on the legal section of ECODEFENSE and an attorney for the Foundation. If you are interested in helping with the legal section of ECODEFENSE, I'll forward your name along.) If you can help on the financial, etc. hassles of EF! (attorney, accountant, otherwise competent), let me know. And whether you are an attorney or not but would like to help plan any legal action, select law suits, discuss legal strategy, let me know. Send your name and address to me if you are interested in any of this. I'll temporarily coordinate this legal committee until an attorney steps forward to do it. The sooner the better.

—Dave Foreman

PRESERVE MAP

Earth First! Preserves Map

Later this year NED LUDD BOOKS will be publishing a wall poster map of the United States featuring the proposed EARTH FIRST! Wilderness Preserves (See EF! Newsletters 1/1 & 2/2). Around the edge of the map will be brief descriptions of the individual preserves. I am currently working on a draft of the map but I need your help: folks to comment on the rough boundaries I'm drawing for the Preserves as well as to suggest additional preserves, etc. If you'd like to see a draft of part of the map (indicate which Preserves or sections of the country) please let me know. We also would like to encourage local EF! groups to develop more concrete proposals for the Preserves in their areas. Thanks.

—Dave Foreman

Best New Publications

"Watt's News" put out by Trust Us Publishers, 735 Guinda Street, Dept. E, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Copies mail order at $1.50 each plus 50¢ postage, with a 40% discount on orders of 25 or more. Here are a couple of samples of their news.

"The Pentagon announced today the development of a new "doomsday" weapon, the Jim Bomb. The Jim Bomb destroys forests but leaves oil rigs standing.

Under the heading "Waste Problem Solved," "Haig said that from henceforth, all nuclear wastes will be dumped into the Grand Canyon. It is so simple, said Haig, slapping his forehead. It's been staring up in our faces all along but we couldn't see it. Maybe we need new glasses."

"Off the Wall"

"Off the Wall Street Journal," a brilliant April 1st spoof found at magazine stands for $2.00 an issue, published somewhere in New York, and looking almost exactly like its namesake. It contains paid advertisements like, "AMAX-Blowing up America today, so there'll be an America tomorrow"; classified ads such as "FOR SALE: Yellowstone National park, 12,000 sq. miles of timber, oil, gas and minerals. Assumable mortgage. For details: James Watt, U.S. Department of Interior, Wash., D.C."; and comics. An editorial entitled "Think the Unthinkable" promotes the idea of nuclear as a solution to the problems of overpopulation and stagnant economics. It says "We live in times when frankness and realism have once again gained currency. Let us now be frank and realistic. The World and, more important, the world economy, needs a nuclear holocaust."

Everything, right down to the classifieds, is designed to look like the Wall Street Journal, except that this publication tells it like it *is*."

EF! FLICK

"Free the Colorado!" "Crack Glen Canyon Dam!!" and Earth First! is now on 16mm color film. See the famous unfurling of the crack. Hear Johnny Sagebrush singing: "Were you there when they built Glen Canyon Dam?" Watch Dave Foreman and Howie Wolke (who is smilin' the whole time) being questioned by the police. Hear ED ABBEY offer advice on future actions—"Oppose! Oppose the destruction of our homeland by these alien forces from Houston, Tokyo, Manhattan, Washington, D.C., and the Pentagon. And if opposition is not enough, we must resist. And if resistance is not enough, then subvert."

Everyone who has seen the film has agreed on one thing: It is superb! The film was produced by a professional film crew in San Francisco and cost a small bundle to make so we are renting it to EF! groups for $25 for local fundraising. Information on rental and prints can be obtained from the keeper of the film:

Karen Tanner
1640 Davidson
Reno, Nevada 89509
(702) 322-5215

Witches Get Break

Now your local coven may be entitled to a tax break as a result of a recent ruling by the Georgia Supreme Court. In a decision that probably left "righteous wing" and many Falwell-type followers "spellbound," the Ravenwood Church of Wicca is now governed by the same tax laws as the Baptists.

Lady Sintana, who identifies herself as a pagan and a witch, says her religion is based on an ancient matriarchal religion that flourished in Europe. Most pagan and Wiccan groups believe the sanctity and worship of nature. They are not Christian nor do they believe in a devil. Instead, they are considered by some to be a part of a broad spectrum of new or reconstituted faiths and "religions of ecology."

Church lawyer Thomas Maddox, Jr. called the Court's action a "victory for religious freedom..." The court vote was 4-2.

F.O.R.

Concerned about the continual destructin of the Grand Canyon by Glen Canyon Dam?—Contact Friends of the River, P.O. Box 1115, Flagstaff, AZ 86002 (602) 774-0130

MONDAY, JUNE 14

A nonviolent civil disobedience action will be held during the U.N. Special Session on Disarmament in New York City. The Action will blockade the U.N. Missions of five major nuclear powers. Nonviolence training is required. For further info contact: June 14 C.D. Campaign, 339 Lafayette St., N.Y.C. 10012, (212) 777-4737.

Earth First! Goodies

Earth First! is pleased to announce its spring selection of T-shirts, Lil' Green Songbooks, postcards, buttons, bumperstickers and other goodies designed to keep the spirits up, and to help us keep this newsletter going. Local Earth First!ers may purchase EF! goodies at a discount (30% off in lots of ten or more per item) and resell them to raise money for local Earth First! groups. If you're a die-hard Earth First!er who is down and out, please write to us about our special "sell now, pay later" plan.

All EF! Goodies except T-shirts are available by sending cash, check or money order to Earth First!, Box 26221, SLC, UT 84126. Allow us some time to get them out to you.

T-Shirts

This year Earth First! is offering two separate T-shirt designs. The first is our ever-popular "Earth First!" shirt: a green fist inside a circle, with "Earth First!" lettered around logo. Our other shirt is the now-famous "Cracked Glen Canyon Damn" shirt by artist Jim Stiles. Both shirts are available after May 10 and come in small, medium, large and X-large. 100% cotton, and in one color: green. Price each: $7.50 plus $1 shipping. Write to Karen Tanner for T-shirts—1640 Davidson, Reno, NV 89509.

Songbooks

Johnny Sagebrush has been a little hard to locate this winter, but we finally found him playing in some honkeytonk and have coerced him into getting his new, expanded version of the Little Green Songbook together. Johnny's songbook was a hit at last summer's demonstrations and during the Earth First! Traveling Roadshow. Johnny's new songbook is sure to be an equally tremendous success. Price each: $4.50 plus 50¢ shipping.

Bumperstickers

Recently, we had a batch of new Earth First! bumperstickers made, which seem to be selling quite well. Due to high costs of printing, we are only offering five slogans at this time. They are: *"Earth First!," "Hayduke Saves," "Rednecks for Wilderness," "Drill Watt, Not Wilderness," and "Rudolf the Red Lives."* Green ink on white "five year" stock. Price each: $1 plus 25¢ shipping.

Monkeywrench Necklaces

A new item in the Earth First! line of finer products: the Monkeywrench Necklace. Made from 100% solid metal, these attractive little necklaces are just the thing to make a Getty Oil official or Interior Department employee cringe. Sold primarily as a fundraising scheme, these little dandies go for $3. each plus 25¢ shipping.

New Earth First! products coming out of the works soon:

Silent Agitators—little green stickers suitable for adhering to anything, these "agitators" are reminiscent of the old Wobblie "silent agitators" of the 20's and 30's. Available soon, these handy little stickers will cost about $2.50 for a strip of ten.

The Earth First! Calendar

Getting yourself through each day in these, the "Dark Ages" of environmentalism, can be pretty depressing and frustrating. To counter this affliction, Earth First! is soon coming out with a totally original calendar to begin each day with. The Earth First! Calendar will feature 13 B&W photos and drawings to offend and enlighten, and will come complete with outrageous quotations and environmental dates through history. Each calendar will go for $5.

Postcards

You'll never see these postcards at your corner drugstore: the Earth First! line of environmental extremist postcards. Available soon, details will be in the next newsletter.

The Journey Home: Some Words in Defense of the American West *by Ed Abbey*

By special arrangement with Ed Abbey, EF! is pleased to offer autographed hardbound first edition copies of this book, until the supply runs out, at the original price of $10.95 to EF!ers. Send $10.95 to POB 26221 SLC UT 84126.

Red Tape Hits Maps

Please stand by on sending USGS Map orders to Art Goodtimes until we straighten out the regulations governing their sale. More on this next issue.

Classified Ads:

EF!ers teach extension classes: This summer Jay Vest and Tony Moore are combining to teach two college extension courses, one for San Francisco State, the other for the University of Montana. Descriptions follow:

Missouri Breaks BLM Wilderness Study Practicum, June 17-July 8. This course consists of three courses, "The Wilderness of Rivers," "Environmental Ethics," and a "BLM Wilderness Practicum." We start with a week of whitewater rafting, then spend two weeks on the wild Missouri, alternating canoeing with inventorying BLM Wilderness Study areas in the Missouri Breaks, keeping a particular eye on agency improprieties in earlier studies. Contact Crandall Bay, 407 Atlantic Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95062 for more information. (Registration closes in mid-May.)

MEA CULPA

In the last Earth First! Newsletter, I printed a quote attributed to Pete Parry, Superintendent of Canyonlands, Arches and National Bridges National Parks and National Monument. I regret the misspelling of Pete's last name.

Chaos Creeps into Our Anarchistic Office

A recent subscription appeal mentioned classified ads go for $1 per word—it should have read, "10¢ a word," because that's what seems fair—10¢ a word.

Wilderness America, August 9-29. This course includes a three week backpack through the Rattlesnake and Mission Mountain wilderness of Montana. Participants will study wilderness history, philosophy, policy, and advocacy, with emphasis on traditional Native American views and current American attitudes toward wilderness. Contact Center for Continuing Education and Summer Programs, 125 Main Hall, University of Montana, Missoula MT 59812.

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Do you cherish a high quality American environment?

Would you like to see us maintain pure air and water and National Parks and Wilderness Areas as a priceless heritage for future generations?

Then join with us in this nationwide BOYCOTT OF COORS BEER.

Joe Coors urged Reagan to appoint James Watt as Secretary of the Interior, Anne Gorsuch as Director of the Environmental Protection Agency and Bob Burford as Director of the Bureau of Land Management. All three, and more of their own appointees, are bent on destroying any environmental gains made in the past few decades. The quality of the American Environment has already suffered at the hands of these people and will continue to suffer until they are replaced with intelligent and sensitive administrators.

To add insult to environmental injury, Coors money funds the Mountain States Legal Foundation, an extreme right-wing front organization for oil and mining industries. The sole purpose of MSLF is to thwart—in courts and by lobbying—important environmental and wilderness legislation.

YOU CAN HELP! Copy the pledge below on a postcard and send it to Coors.

ALSO, ask 10 of your friends to send similar postcards and to ask ten of *their* friends to do so!

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Your Body and Radiation

One of a series on understanding the atom

brought to you by the United States Atomic Energy Commission

Each issue, or as often as we can stomach it, the Earth First! Newsletter will run selected excerpts from a series of old AEC propaganda booklets printed in 1966. Some of the booklets we will be looking into in future issues are, "Food Preservation by Irridation," "Atoms at the Science Fair," and "Fallout from Nuclear Tests."

Spurs is in charge of this continuing series. Address suggestions and hot contributions to him care of Earth First! Newsletter.

Nuclear energy is playing a vital role in the life of every man, woman and child in the U.S. today. In the years ahead it will affect increasingly, all the peoples of the Earth. It is essential that all Americans gain an understanding of this vital force if they are to discharge thoughtfully their responsibilities as citizens, and if they rae to realize fully the myriad benefits that nuclear energy offers them. The U.S. Atomic Energy Commission provides this booklet to help you achieve such understanding.

GROUND RULES

Since "the proper study of mankind is man" we will try to steer our tale of radiation effects in that direction. Unfortunately man makes a rather touchy experimental animal. So we'll be forced to take most of our information from experience with cells, large and small cooperative mammals, and whatever human incidents or accidents we can find.

RADIATION LIKE GOOD THINGS, COMES IN SMALL PACKAGES

Like drugs, radiation can either heal or poison, depending on the amount given. The most widely used unit today is the rad (an acronym for radiation absorbed dose). The rad is defined as that quantity of radiation that delivers 100 ergs of energy to one gram of substance.

RADIATION PROTECTION

The best way to avoid becoming a weekend traffic statistic is to stay off the highways. With radiation, too, the best policy is avoidance. Damage from radiation tends to be largely cumulative so that in general, a few thousand rads will be lethal, whether given in seconds or years. The maximum lifetime does that can be considered "safe" has been set at about 250 rads. One could consider staying in a 20 rad-per-hour field for a few hours, if need arose, provided one had some certainty that the experience would not be repeated. Spatially, one might tolerate a dose of several thousand rads to a limited part of the body in an emergency or for the cure of a serious disorder, where a whole body dose of this size would be lethal.

POISONS AND PEOPLE

Unlike chemical poisons, radiations cannot be removed before its full damage is complete. It is literally "gone before you know it." Thus the only feasible answers are: Avoid it, put molecules in its path that will be sacrificed to save those of the nucleoplasm, or attempt to repair the damage itself, once it has occurred.

Except for Hiroshima, Nagasaki, a few accidents and patients undergoing radiation treatments we have had little opportunity to study the effects of radiation on people. Most of our information has been obtained from mice and other happily cooperative laboratory animals.